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Mitterrand's visit to Israel concludes

TEL AVIV, March 5 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand left Israel Friday after a three-day official visit, wishing Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin well after an attack of exhaustion at a state dinner Thursday night.

"My regrets to Prime Minister Begin that illness has prevented his being among you," Mitterrand told a crowd at Tel Aviv's David Ben Gurion Airport. "The important thing is that he recovers. The permanence of our mutual obligations will assure the rest."

Begin, recovering at home from what his doctor termed exhaustion complicated by arteriosclerosis, met with French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson for 40 minutes Friday on the Palestinian question.

Cheysson, whom Begin criticized before the Knesset Thursday for his views on the Israeli-Arab conflict, termed the meeting "friendly," saying he had found Begin showing his usual "dynamism."

Israeli government spokesman Uri Porat said Begin, forced to have Thursday night's dinner with breathing problems, was "feeling better" Friday. Cheysson invited Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to make an official visit to Paris at a date to be set in May, and the two countries decided to revive a joint committee for economic and technological cooperation that had been dormant since 1971.

Shakespeare cottage ransacked by burglars

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, England, March 5 (R) — Thieves raided the picturesque thatched cottage which was once the home of William Shakespeare's wife early Friday and stole priceless furniture and other antiques.

A spokesman for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust said the burglars took everything they could move from Anne Hathaway's Cottage, one of the most popular tourist attractions in this central England town which is a shrine to the playwright.

Officials said Begin and Cheysson resumed the discussion on the Palestinian issue that has dominated attention during the visit, but there was no sign that either side changed its position.

But one official close to Begin said he expected Cheysson to soften his tone in speaking about the Palestinians. The foreign minister has taken a more clear-cut stand favoring Palestinian independence than Mitterrand, who referred to statehood as an option to be discussed in negotiations.

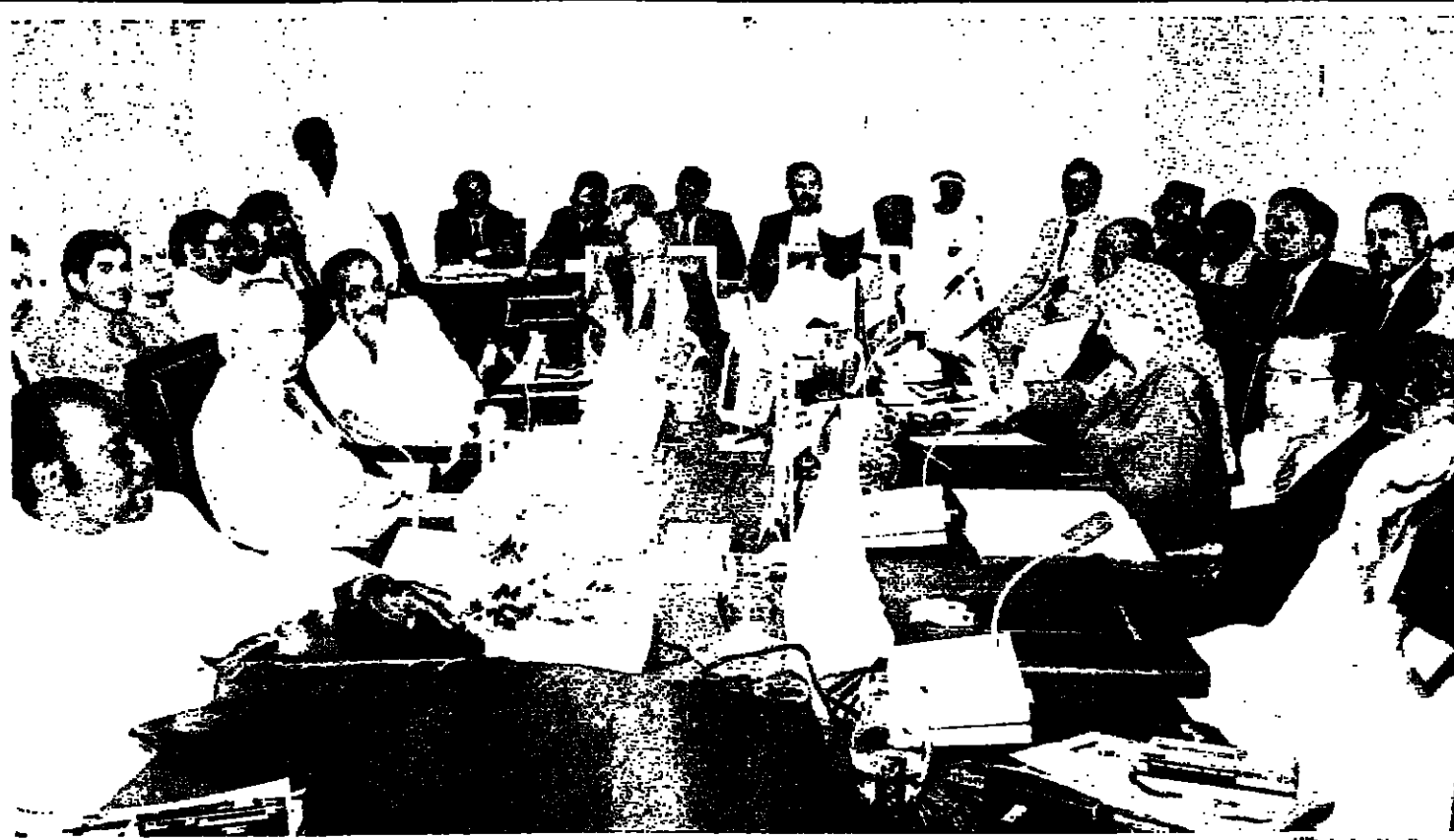
On Thursday Mitterrand addressed the Knesset, Israel's parliament, saying the Palestine Liberation Organization should recognize Israel before gaining entrance to peace negotiations. The French president also said at a news conference with Begin that he did not believe the Palestinian issue would be resolved by the Camp David plan for limited self-rule for the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mitterrand thus spread criticism on both sides and demonstrated the even-handed policy he is directing on the Middle East issue. More important than policy, he said, was the fact that he had visited Israel.

Cheysson said of the 48 hours in Israel that he was "very satisfied. This visit gave us just what we were looking for, to give very clear explanations and a show of friendship." Israel took the friendship as a welcome development and was prepared to live with the policy differences.

Elihu Ben-Elissar, chairman of parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said the French were discovering "a very different Israel" from the way things were 15 years ago. "This will have results and a chain of reactions of importance," he said.

"The French apparently ... distinguish between the conflict that divides the two countries on the Palestinian issue and the whole network of relations between France and Israel. The one does not have to influence the other."



MEDIATION: The members of the Islamic goodwill mission to end the Iraqi-Iranian war resumed meeting here Friday under the Chairman, President Sekou Toure of Guinea. It comprises the Presidents of Pakistan and Bangladesh, the Prime Ministers of Turkey and Malaysia, the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Foreign Ministers of Senegal and Gambia. The mission was formed by the Organization of Islamic Conference.

OPEC ministers to decide on special talks

DOHA, March 5 (R) — Key OPEC ministers are to consult here on holding an emergency conference of the oil exporters' group to try on concert action to deal with the prevailing world glut, informed OPEC sources said Friday.

Indonesian Oil Minister Subarto was due in Doha Friday night for consultations with colleagues in OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), they said.

Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi, here to chair a meeting of the separate Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), told Reuters he and his Arab colleagues would discuss a possible date and venue for an OPEC meeting.

He did not mention Dr. Subarto, nor was it

known whether other non-Arab oil ministers would fly here. OAPEC includes OPEC Arab members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, Libya, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Qatar.

Reliable OPEC oil sources in London had earlier said OPEC oil ministers would consult in one of the Gulf capitals and that, if an agreement on what to do about the oil glut seemed in sight, they would move to a formal OPEC emergency conference in Geneva.

In Caracas, a highly placed Venezuelan official said Friday that OPEC has reserved rooms at the intercontinental hotel in Geneva from March 19-22.

The oil industry official, who asked not to be named, would not confirm that OPEC

would hold a meeting then to discuss the critical situation of the oil market, but he pointed out that hotel reservations had to be made well in advance and that those dates were reserved.

He said hotel space had also been reserved for March 13-14, but it was unlikely the extraordinary ministerial meeting would take place that early. If it were held March 19, it would probably be held a week later, not earlier, the official said.

Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti has said only that OPEC would meet during the second half of March to discuss measures to take in light of falling oil prices and production worldwide. Calderon Berti said in a television interview Thursday night that he was in "constant contact" with his OPEC colleagues to determine an agenda for the meeting.

He said it was important the ministers come to general agreement before that meeting so they can make concrete decisions. The next regularly scheduled OPEC meeting is set for May.

Non-OPEC members, such as Britain and Mexico, have cut crude prices, and some OPEC members, including Venezuela, have reduced prices for types of oil not regulated by the organization's pricing scale.

Venezuela has reduced prices for residual fuels three times this year and for heavy and super-heavy crudes twice. It has cut production by over 500,000 barrels per day since the beginning of the year.

Division over approach persists

OECD favors job-based plan

PARIS, March 5 (R) — Labor ministers from the main non-Communist developed countries have agreed that measures must be taken to ease an alarming rise in unemployment in the Western world, but they differed sharply on the approach to use.

Meeting at the Paris headquarters of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the 24 ministers Thursday set out the views of their individual governments.

Delegates at the two-day conference said there was a consensus that unemployment, now 26 million in the OECD countries and likely to rise further, had become a grave and urgent issue.

But they said two schools of thought emerged — represented by the policies of France and other European countries favoring direct government intervention, and those of other countries which reject what they see as artificial measures to create jobs.

The United States and Britain lead the second camp, arguing that unemployment can only be brought down in the long term through an uncompromising drive to cut inflation. U.S. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan told the conference the United States rejected "quick-fix manpower policies" which had in the past contributed to higher unemployment and inflation.

British Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit, whose country now has three million out of work, backed up Donovan, but said he was surprised by the degree of common ground among ministers from governments with such different political outlooks.

The European Economic Community's commissioner for unemployment, Ivor Richard, said the U.S. policy amounted to doing as little as possible to create employment. The community believed government's role was to do the maximum, he said.

The West German and French labor ministers, whose governments have launched major job-creation schemes, said employment should be tackled alongside inflation.

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Foreign labor is only a temporary phase

Economic ties with U.K. blossom--Nazer

JEDDAH, March 5 — Britain has risen to the 11th place amongst Saudi Arabia's trade partners, jumping 16 places since 1973, according to Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Following talks in London with Douglas Hurd, British state minister for foreign affairs last Wednesday, Sheikh Hisham said that Saudi Arabia's economic relations with Britain are steadily growing. He told the London-based *Asharq Al-Awsat* that the British are keen on having their firms increase the number of their contracts with Saudi Arabia. They also want more joint economic and commercial projects. "We, in Saudi Arabia," he added, "would like to see that more countries participate in our country's development process."

Sheikh Hisham said that without there being an official agreement between the two countries, more than 35,000 Britons work in Saudi Arabia for British companies under contract. But the important thing is a long-term cooperation; and such cooperation cannot take place except through joint ventures "which are the real purpose of my visit to Britain." He added that his talks with Hurd were good and constructive, especially that the British minister had already paid a visit to the Planning Ministry when he came with Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, and showed interest in the objectives of development and in the practical results of the plans approved so far.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hisham said that Saudi Arabia has completed two five-year development plans and is already in the third year of the third plan. The first plan cost

around SR45 billion and the second some SR498 billion. Some observers regarded both plans as too ambitious. Some even thought that the Kingdom will not be able to carry out either one. But results proved otherwise.

Achievements so far include 24,000 kilometers of road; 7,000 schools; seven universities; 16,000 hospital beds and a myriad of other services. So much so that at last the world admitted that the Kingdom is indeed capable of implementing its schemes. Also the very fact that the Kingdom's ports can now receive a larger quantity of merchandise which has brought down inflation.

The third plan aims at bringing about a structural change in the Saudi economy. Saudi Arabia wishes to move gradually from the status of a country producing a single raw material, on which all its economy is based, to that of a country having various sources of revenue.

Sheikh Hisham said that all of the Kingdom's major projects are viable, so that no foreign investor will run serious risks. He discarded misleading press reports to this effect which most unfortunately were echoed by some Arab papers for reasons that are easy to guess. For instance, when the Kingdom sets up a modern petrochemical plant equipped with the most advanced technological facilities, such a plant will undoubtedly compete with other old plants that need to be renewed, and which rely on cheap energy rather than modern technology to enter into the market.

The minister said that a British press report claiming that Saudi Arabia will soon enter a



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

phase of economic stagnation was misleading and full of mistakes. All the figures and dates in that report were wrong, he said. And since the premises are wrong, the inference has to be wrong, he added. Nevertheless, he pointed out, the Saudi economy does not rely on what people say; and those who deal with the Kingdom know the falsehood of these allegations.

Sheikh Hisham said that, under the new

yet unpublished budget, "we shall pursue the implementation of Jubail and Yanbu" projects, as well as road, water desalting, education, health and other third plan projects." He said that the present hectic price upheavals have a negative effect on the world economy, in general, not only on Saudi Arabia's economy.

The minister also stressed that Saudi Arabia regards foreign labor as a temporary measure. And this assertion is demonstrated by figures. In fact, some 60 percent of imported workers in Saudi Arabia are involved in construction projects. In other words, when such projects are completed, the foreign workforce will have to leave the country. The remaining 40 percent are of two categories: the one involved in maintenance, and the administrative staff. Here, what Gulf countries should do is to benefit from the presence of this manpower to form their own elements. "In fact, hundreds of Saudi nationals graduate every year from the Kingdom's seven universities. Moreover 23,000 students are engaged in the study of various subjects, to play their role in the future. Therefore, there is no danger whatsoever from this side. But we think the process will take some time. Enough time is needed before a student graduates from the university and undergoes the necessary training for an integrated administrative work. We are also devoting a great deal of attention to vocational training for the medium technical labor force," said the minister.

Health ministry curbs smoking

JEDDAH, March 5 — The Health Ministry's proposal to the Council of Ministers to enhance customs duties on cigarettes has been approved with a view to curbing smoking as much as possible.

Al-Jazirah said in its evening edition Thursday that, in this connection, the ministry has recently adopted a number of measures. It has prohibited smoking in hospitals and other health centers and has further sent circulars to public departments on the hazards of smoking.

In its circular to hospitals, the ministry has stressed the disadvantages of smoking and urged the doctors and others working in the fields of education and health to abstain from

smoking inside their institutions. It has laid great stress on curbing smoking in hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges and universities.

In addition, the ministry has advised such places to put up signboards near the waiting hall, asking visitors not to smoke and telling them the hazards emanating from this habit. It has also stressed upon the establishments selling cigarettes the need to display some cautionary advice in a prominent manner.

In a recent WHO meeting, the Kingdom put forward a proposal on combating smoking by means of stopping advertisements officially. The proposal was endorsed by many countries.



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Demand for electrical goods rises

JEDDAH, March 5 — The demand for electrical appliances has increased tremendously in the Kingdom following the growth of the economy and increased urbanization. Ali Al-Zaid of Zec Engineering Consultants told *Saudi Business* Saturday.

This continued growth of the Saudi Arabian market is corroborated by others. Nureddin Kitmitto, manager of Riyadh-based Ibrahim Shaker, leading importers of electrical appliances, said that while his firm was selling some 400 room airconditioners in the 1950s and 1960s, they are now selling something like 60,000 units. Though the company has a good share of the market, keen competition has brought down its profit margin to around 10 percent.

The current market situation is highly competitive, with profit on some items reduced to a minimum, said David F. Boyle, commercial manager of Ibrahim Shaker in Jeddah. He said that there are several

instances of merchandise being dumped on the market below its cost value. He said healthy competition is welcome, but the situation is exacerbated by too much merchandise being imported and sold by companies which are not properly qualified to meet even basic customer service needs.

A wide spectrum electrical appliances is sold in the Kingdom, including central airconditioners, room airconditioners, "split" room airconditioners, frost-free refrigerators, defrosts refrigerators, freezers — chest type and upright, automatic dryers, wringer-type washers, twin-tub washing machines, electrical ranges and water coolers.

Boyle is of the opinion that 1982 may see something of a shakedown in the market as a result of natural economic evolution with imports geared to actual market requirements and ad-hoc multi-brand importers being replaced by professional distributors.

Manpower council to meet today

RIYADH, March 5 — The Supreme Council of Manpower is due to hold a meeting here Saturday under its chairman, Prince Sultan, defense minister, according to *Al-Madinah* Friday.

The council comprises Interior Minister Prince Naif, his deputy Prince Ahmad; Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal; Minister

of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Abullah Al-Sheikh; Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail and other senior officials.

The agenda includes a study of the manpower situation in the country and the working strategy of the government in this regard.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:27	3:13	3:37	4:06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:28	6:27	5:59	5:45	6:09	6:38
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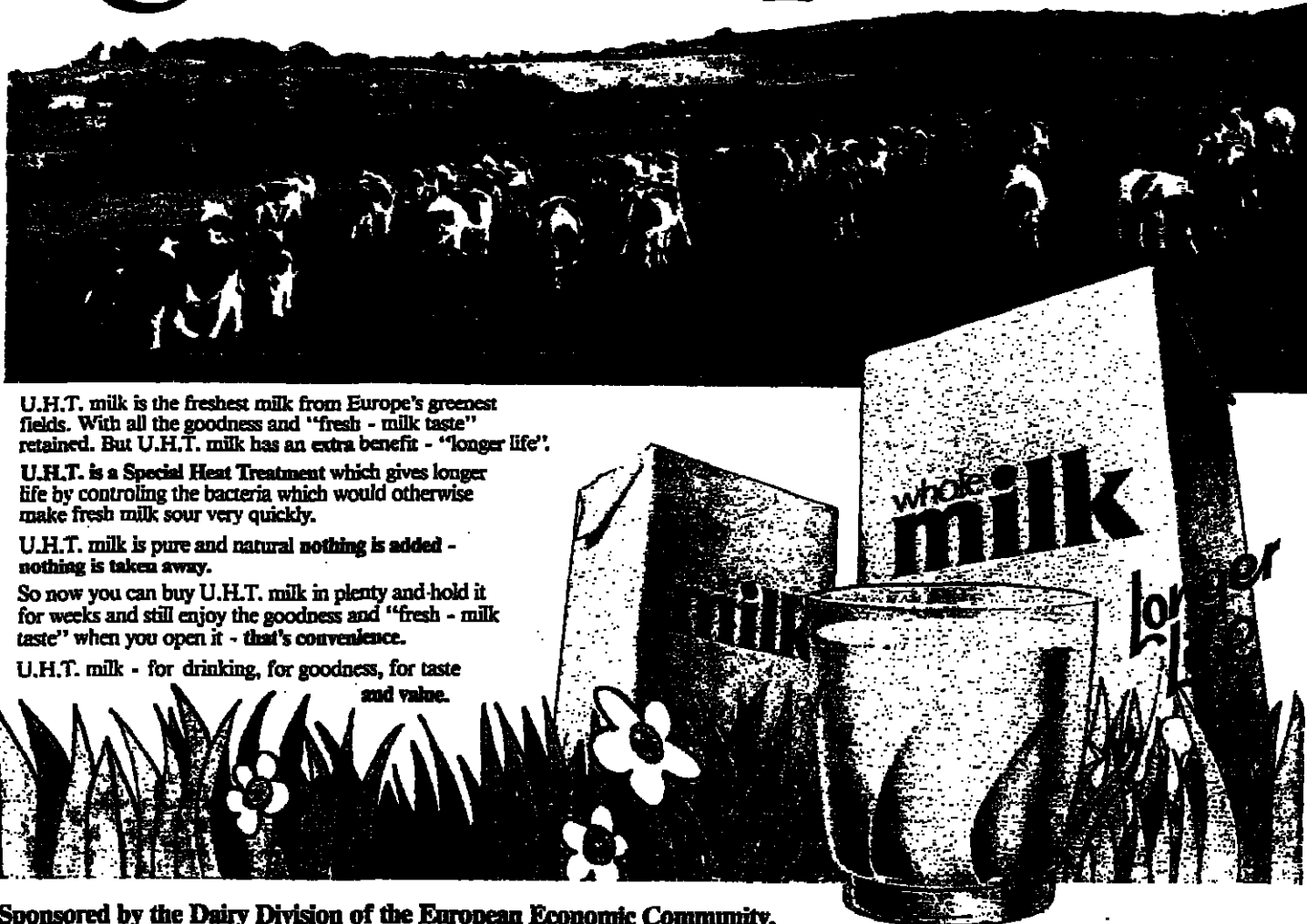
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Budget to incorporate more projects

UPM speeds up development plan

DHAHRAN, March 5 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals is currently implementing a number of construction projects as part of the five-year development plan to build a complete university town.

Dr. Saleh Bakhrebah, university's secretary general, said Friday that work is in progress on a building for the college of industrial management in an estimated area of 8,000 sq. meters. The building will comprise offices for the teaching staff, lecture halls, laboratories and classrooms.

He added that the building has been designed on modern pattern to absorb more than 1,200 students, and is expected to be completed within a period of two years.

Another building for the college of science and engineering is under construction and is scheduled to be ready within two years from now. Work is also being carried out on the university's new administrative building in an area of 12,000 sq. meters. The nine-floor building, which is planned to accommodate all administrative sections, is expected to be ready within 18 months, he added.

Bakhrebah said the university projects also include the construction of multi-storied car parks to accommodate nearly 800 cars; construction of the university press; expansion of the social and athletic center; construction of conference halls and building of 201 residential units for the teaching staff and other university personnel.

He added that the construction projects include works on electrical, telephone, water, gas and drainage pipelines; paving and lighting of roads; planting of trees along the streets; central airconditioning of all newly-constructed buildings and furnishing the residences of the teaching staff and other officials. Regarding the students' hostel, Bakhrebah said the university, at present, looks after the repairs and maintenance of the hostels and is planting trees, leveling various sites, paving roads and extending water networks to all hostels, he said.

He added that the university will soon undertake the implementation of the second phase of a students' hostel to accommodate 432 students, with a mosque, a central kitchen to provide all meals, and also a heavy equipment laboratory for which a public tender will be invited within the next two weeks, he said.

The UPM secretary general said further that the university is currently engaged in the study, designing and preparation of several projects with specialized companies. These projects will cover a medical clinic, a center for nuclear studies and 110 housing units for the teaching staff and other personnel.

On the projects which have been already completed and taken over, Bakhrebah said they include a conference complex comprising a conference hall, a press conference hall, several other halls and offices for the conferences fully-equipped with modern audio-visual systems, television circuits and facilities for interpretation. There are also offices for members of the teaching staff, classrooms, studios for architectural drafting and designing and a three-story car park for 400 cars, he added.

In regard to the university budget for the next fiscal year, Bakhrebah said it will incorporate more projects provided for in the five-year development plan, which the government is striving to complete with a view to realizing the aims and objectives of development in the country.

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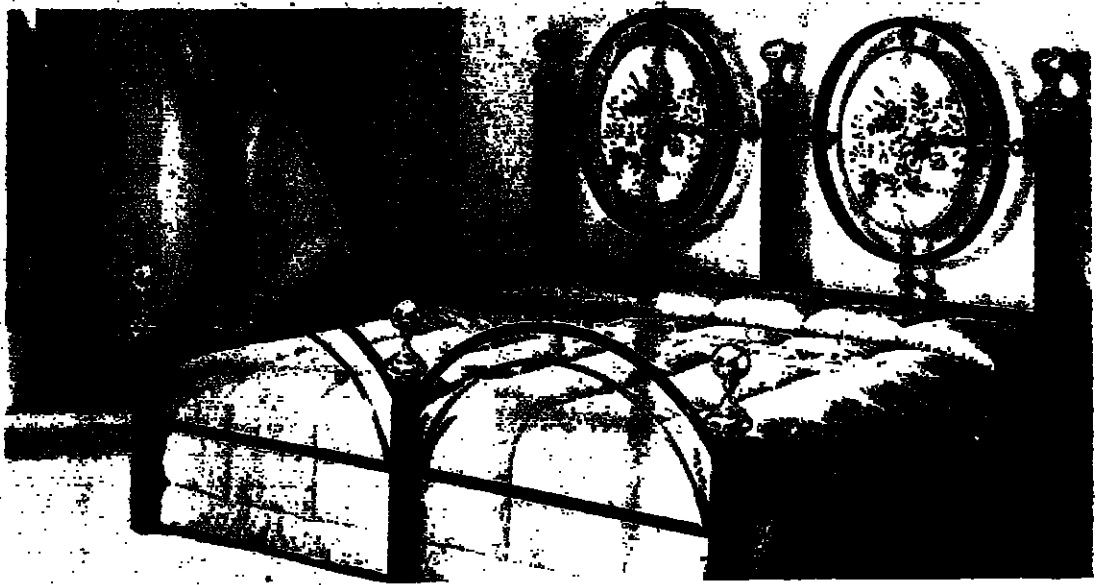
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Saudia slashes students' fares

JEDDAH, March 5 (SPA) — Saudia, the national carrier, has completed the groundworks for the implementation of a royal order to give 50 percent reduction fares to Saudi students, it was announced here Friday.

According to the rules framed in this connection, the reduction will be available on the economy class tickets, both ways, and will be confined to Saudi men and women regular students at the universities, schools and scientific institutes. The reduction will not be applicable to affiliated students nor to officials studying at the schools, colleges and universities.

The reduction will, however, be available to the students of military schools, provided they are not less than 12 years and not more than 29 years of age. Under the formula, the fare is to be paid in cash. Prepaid exchange coupons will not be accepted, nor will the reduced fare ticket be allowed to be incorporated with the international flights. Students desirous of availing this facility will be required to produce a certificate from the school, college or university that they are regular students and will use the ticket during the academic year. Such a certificate will be issued only by the school principal or the dean of students affairs in a college or university.

Afforestation week to begin

DAMMAM, March 5 (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi chairs a ceremony on the fifth tree-planting week beginning here Saturday.

During the week, more than 20,000 saplings will be planted on the roads, public squares, National Guard camps and schools. The participating parties will include the municipalities of the province; the governorate; the police and traffic departments; the water and sewage department; the National Guard; the Directorate General of Education; the Presidency of Yotuh Welfare; the Directorate General of Agriculture and Water; the University of Petroleum and Minerals; the King Faisal University and the Institute of Technical Studies.

The governor will also preside over the concluding function which will be held next Wednesday at the sports stadium in Dammam. He will award prizes to the students taking part in the afforestation week.

Meanwhile, it has been resolved to organize similar weeks in Alkhobar, Khafji, Qatif, Anak, Saihat, Tarout and Safwa on Saturday.

Participants will include the governorates of those towns; the municipalities; and the sports clubs and students. A large number of saplings are planned to be planted in those towns during the week.

Security, safety training course set

DAMMAM, March 5 (AFP) — The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Eastern Province will organize a training course from March 14 to 17 on the security and safety of commercial and industrial establishments.

The course will be organized in cooperation with the council of Saudi chambers of commerce and industry and participants will include officials concerned with the security and safety of warehouses, workshops and industries. Labor supervisors of all industrial, commercial and financial enterprises will also take part.

The aim of the course is to give the trainees enough know-how about how to protect

these establishments from hazards, to minimize incidents and to increase their consciousness of the importance and security.

During the past two months, the chamber of commerce and industry of the Eastern Province organized various types of training courses for all national establishments, companies as well as commercial and industrial sectors in the province. The purpose of organizing such courses was to further develop the capabilities of the national manpower working at such establishments and also to develop the methods used in various spheres of industrial, commercial financial, construction and marketing activities.

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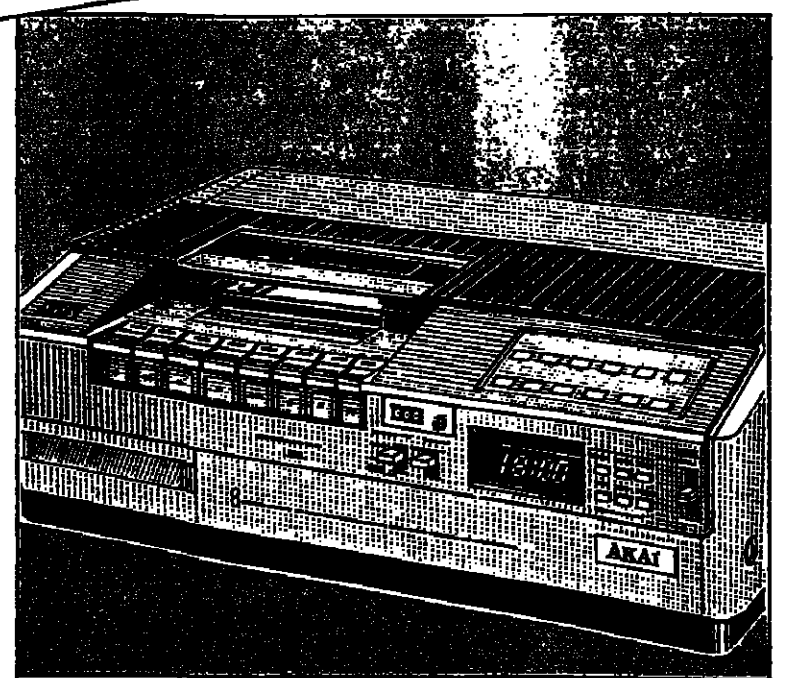
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Several arrested**Iran uncovers plot by ex-Shah's officer**

TEHRAN, March 5 (Agencies) — Iranian authorities recently discovered a plot in the northeast of the country, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Friday.

The agency quoted the religious judge and head of the revolutionary court in Urmia, western Azerbaijan, as saying that an officer in the army of the late Shah, identified as Gen. Kazem, had established contacts with landowners in the region, as well as with Urmia dissidents. Several of those contacted had also been arrested, according to the judge, who was identified as Hojatoleslam Imani.

The agency did not indicate if the general himself, said to have entered Iran across the Turkish border, had been arrested or had fled. According to the report, a list of plotters was discovered. Those arrested were charged with "participation in a plot aimed at overthrowing the Islamic Republic" with drug dealings and with contacts with outlawed separatist political groups.

Meanwhile, Iran's general revolutionary prosecutor, Hojatoleslam Hossein Tabrizi, said the underground Mujahadeen Khalq organization, Khomeini's main opposition group, had attempted to blow up the house of Khomeini's heir apparent, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, in the city of Qom, south of the capital, Tehran, last Feb. 24.

Tabrizi, quoted by IRNA, also said the Mujahadeen the same day had planted a bomb "set to explode" in the headquarters of the Tehran revolutionary police force (or the Komiteh). "Two bombs were discovered in a car belonging to the Mujahadeen Khalq organization," said Tabrizi.

Tabrizi also said that following Khomeini's "instructions to pardon prisoners" on the

occasion of the third anniversary of the Islamic revolution (Feb. 11), over 10,000 prisoners would be freed in the next two months. Between six and seven thousand of the to be-released prisoners are charged with political offenses, Tabrizi said. Iran's chief justice, Ayatollah Abdolkarim Ardabili, said a few months ago that only between 3,000 and 4,000 political prisoners were being held.

Thursday's announcement by Tabrizi gave rise to speculation on the true number of political prisoners in Iran, especially after the Mujahadeen Khalq organization has claimed there are more than 30,000.

IRNA also reported Friday that three members of the Mujahadeen Khalq group opened fire from their car at a patrol car of the Islamic revolutionary guards corps in West Tehran Thursday. Following a clash between the two groups on the Martyr Chamran Highway, two Mujahadeen guerrillas were killed and another was taken to hospital after trying to swallow a cyanide pill to commit suicide, IRNA said, adding the revolutionary guards suffered no injuries.

In Paris, those opposed to the Iranian government said Thursday more than 120 revolutionary guards were killed during an attack last January on the Caspian Sea resort of Amol. The office of the People's Mujahadeen organization leader, Massoud Rajavi, said in a statement that resistance forces received an extraordinary welcome by Amol residents and took away huge quantities of captured weapons.

Scores of rebels based in forests near the Caspian Sea attacked Amol in January and held part of the town for two days, Tehran radio said at the time that 31 civilians and members of the security forces and 34 fighters died during the raid.

Family visits to POWs**Iranian team arrives in Kuwait**

KUWAIT, March 5 (AP) — An Iranian official delegation arrived here from Tehran Friday to supervise arrangements for visits to prisoners of war in Iran and Iraq by their families, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

The arrival of the Iranian delegation brought closer to fulfillment the unprecedented plan first proposed by Iran last January, expected to include visits by 40,000 relatives. The Iranian delegation, headed by Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Kazempour Ardebili, will have talks with Kuwaiti officials "where the POWs families will be exchanged," IRNA said. Turkey has already

been chosen as one of the places, the agency added.

Earlier in the week, Brig. Abdul Aziz Ismail, undersecretary of the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry, said the visits were expected to start "within one month," and that Kuwait airport would serve as the staging point for the families. IRNA said it was expected some 30,000 Iraqis would meet "about 7,500 Iraqi POWs in Iran." Iraq is believed to be holding about 3,000 Iranian prisoners.

The plan is for each prisoner to be visited by four members of his family. Kuwaiti officials stated however final details still have to be worked out.

Palestinians threaten to retaliate

BEIRUT, March 5 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat's top security aide has threatened car bomb attacks against Christian-controlled areas in Lebanon if a new wave of bombings in South Lebanon is not discontinued.

Salah Khalaf, code named Abu Iyad, made the threat in a speech at a Palestinian public rally in Beirut Thursday. Excerpts of the speech were carried by Beirut newspapers Friday.

Khalaf, who heads the internal and external security apparatus of the PLO, blamed a chain of 19 bombings in the last three weeks in west Beirut and other nationalist-controlled towns on Christian leader Bashir Gemayel's Phalangist Party militia forces.

Khalaf also accused "Israel's agents" of complicity in the latest bombing wave that claimed 21 lives and wounded 67 others since Feb. 13.

"If Gemayel and Israeli agents do not stop, then no area (in Lebanon) will be safe. Bombs will spread every where," Khalaf said. "I can emphasize we are capable of setting off explosions in the whole of east Beirut," and in Gemayel's stronghold.

4 new ministers appointed in Bangladesh

DACCA, March 5 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Abdul Sattar inducted four new ministers Friday, raising the strength of his cabinet to 22, it was announced here.

President Sattar conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the two cabinet and two state ministers hours before leaving Dhacca for a meeting of the OIC Peace Committee on the Iran-Iraq war in Jeddah.

Of the four, Reazuddin Ahmad, a former manpower minister, and Syed Mohibul Hasan, a former state minister for industries, came from the cabinet dissolved last month by the president who accused members of corruption and lack of action. Newcomers were Sultan Ahmad Chowdhury, deputy speaker in parliament, and Tariqul Islam, a young parliament member from Jessore. Ahmad and Chowdhury were inducted as fall ministers and Hassan and Islam as state ministers. Their portfolios are to be announced later.

Official clarifies**U.S. Sinai force won't be part of Mideast RDF**

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 5 — Despite reports to the contrary, American troops headed for the Sinai as part of the multinational observation team (MFO) won't in fact be a Middle Eastern rapid deployment force—RDF of the U.S. military, according to the MFO director general's staff.

Military observers were quoted earlier this week as saying the 1,100 U.S. troops which will be in the Sinai by March 20 could be rushed to "flash points" in the region. But the MFO director general's office told *Arab News* Thursday that's not the case. "This battalion will be under the operational control of the force commander once they arrive until they depart," said Kenneth Hartung of the MFO staff. He explained that Norwegian Lt. Gen. Frederik V. Bull-Hansen will head the 2,500-man team drawn from 11 countries.

Some confusion over the role of the U.S. personnel, 100 of which took off this week as what Hartung called "a logistics and support group... an advance party," arose when it was learned some will be pulled from the 82nd Airborne infantry division. That crack army unit is also the source of troops for the Rapid Deployment Force, which already has held maneuvers in Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Oman.

The uncertainty increased when Pentagon sources publicly assumed that any American MFO forces could operate in an emergency outside the Sinai. The U.S. State Department strongly denied that any connection existed, and the MFO office agreed. "That is not our

understanding," said Hartung of the possibility that since the troops come from an airborne division, they could be ferried to trouble spots. The U.S. has said that an advance staging area is needed for an effective RDF. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger last December admitted that seven locations in five countries were being considered, but that negotiations with any of the nations had not begun.

Hartung emphasized that the force must operate according to the protocol between Egypt and Israel signed last summer. "Their (the force's) mission is to be present in Zone C in the Sinai," he said, "a narrow strip in Israeli territory that runs alongside the border... and subject to verification of limited force agreements." "The troops will have checkpoint and observation-post duties," Hartung continued, adding that they'd have to verify "the absence of Egyptian military in Zone C."

Hartung also pointed out the Americans would "not be equipped for RDF things." However, the Pentagon has stressed that some equipment for the RDF would be at sea in the area and moving troops would pose the least significant problem should any troubles occur in the Gulf.

Yet "in the authorizing legislation by Congress for the MFO," said Hartung, specific duties were assigned U.S. troops. "I think the Congressional prohibition is the big thing," he said. "And that's our firm stance." Under the protocol, lightly armed Egyptian troops are permitted in Zone B, immediately west of Zone C, with mechanized units allowed in Zone A, still further west.

Police fired on**Israel arrests 24 Sinai settlers**

TEL AVIV, March 5 (AP) — Israeli police arrested 23 settlers who tried to filter back into Sinai settlements they had been ejected from, and a man was under arrest for shooting at police who stopped him at a Sinai roadblock, the military command said Friday.

No injuries were reported in the shooting incident, the first of its kind in a week of turmoil as Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government began to remove opponents of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula. The military command said the Israeli man fired two shots in the direction of a police post Thursday night when he was prevented from breaking through a roadblock in his car. The man was held for questioning, the command said.

He was stopped at one of the army's main barriers to stop anti-withdrawal activists from entering Sinai, the Erez Checkpoint where the highway from Tel Aviv enters the Gaza Strip.

The "stop the withdrawal" movement claims that its members are still able to slip into the Sinai settlements to reinforce upwards of 1,000 settlers who refuse to leave the area and vow to prevent Israel from relinquishing it to Egypt April 25.

Troops evicted over 200 illegal squatters from four settlements Wednesday and Thursday, and on Friday morning police arrested 23 activists who tried to re-enter the Talmi Settlement that had been emptied Thursday except for one man who threatened to commit suicide.

Mondale wants special U.S. envoy for M.E.

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — Former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale says President Ronald Reagan's administration has "let the peace issue get away from us" in the Middle East and urged him to name a special ambassador to the area immediately.

"We ought to have a person of national stature, personally reporting to the president of the United States, sent immediately to the Middle East," Mondale told a luncheon meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to loud applause and cheers Thursday. He added that the special envoy should "stay on that ground and work to develop an information campaign of peace talks and keep working for peace and stop trying to arm that area up."

Mondale told the audience of about 1,000 persons that the United States has always given bipartisan support to the security of Israel, but that "this administration is making a mess of the Middle East policy." "We allowed the Camp David initiative to evaporate," he said.

Mondale, a Democrat considering a run for president in 1984, said that by trying to get a consensus of nations in the Middle East to line up against the Soviet Union, the Reagan administration has allowed them to have leverage against the United States. "And they used that leverage," he said, "to press their view that everything would be wonderful if the United States would get Israel to give up occupied Jerusalem and create an independent Palestinian state headed by the PLO in occupied areas."

Mondale said the Reagan administration then "began to see Israel as standing in the way of U.S. policy." Mondale said that by April 25, Israel will give up the Sinai as part of the Camp David agreement, on the basis of a promise of American support.

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the ADL, said the sale of the F-16s and Hawk missiles would undermine Israel's air power superiority.

U.S. Congress votes for Afghanistan Day

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AFP) — The U.S. Congress, following the European Economic Community's (EEC) example, has designated March 21 "Afghanistan Day."

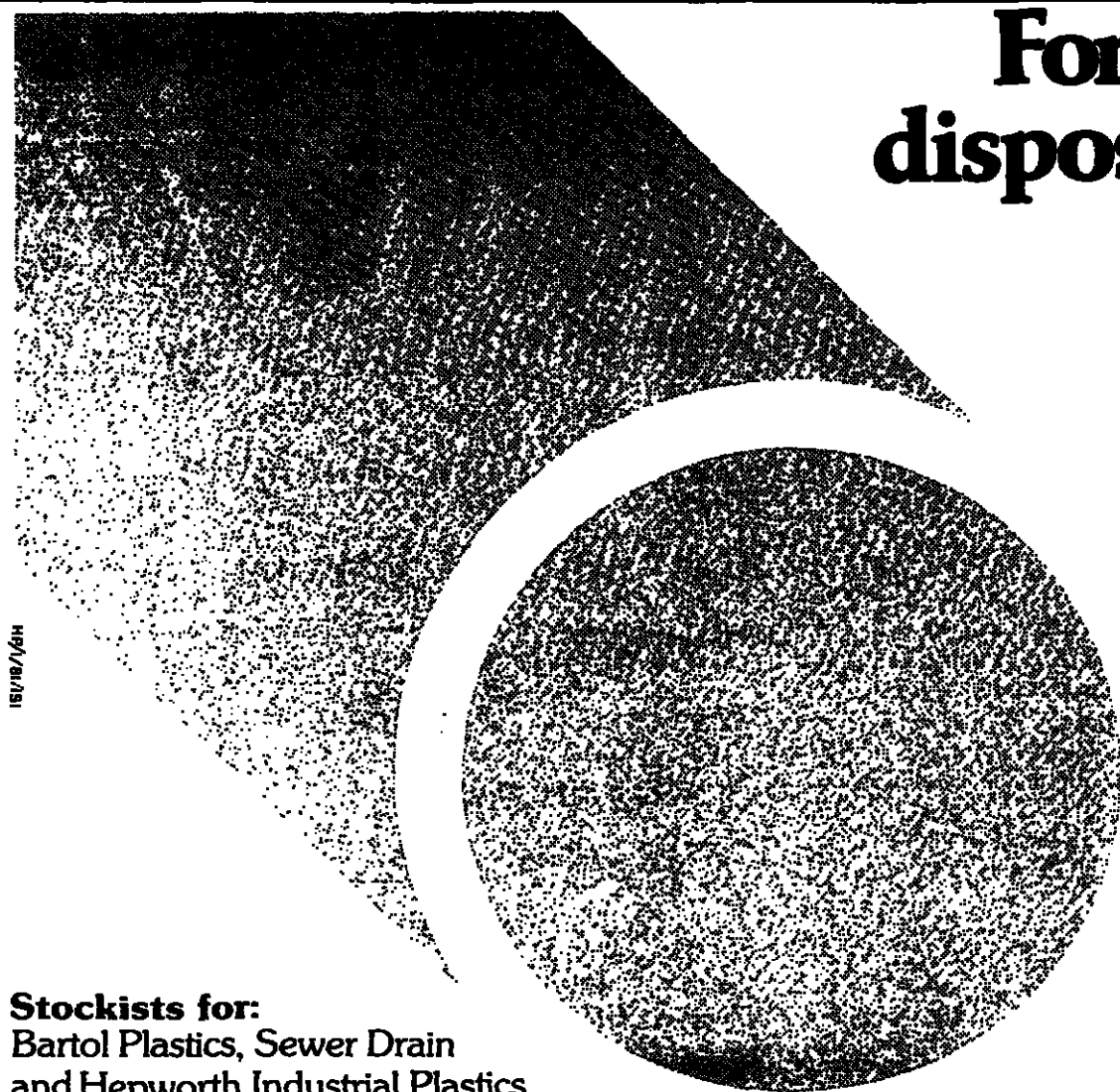
The House of Representatives late Thursday voted unanimously in favor of the proposal, which had been approved earlier by the Senate. Representative Don Ritter, a Pennsylvania Republican, called the decision a reaffirmation of "opposition to Moscow's assault" against Afghanistan, which Soviet troops invaded in December, 1979.

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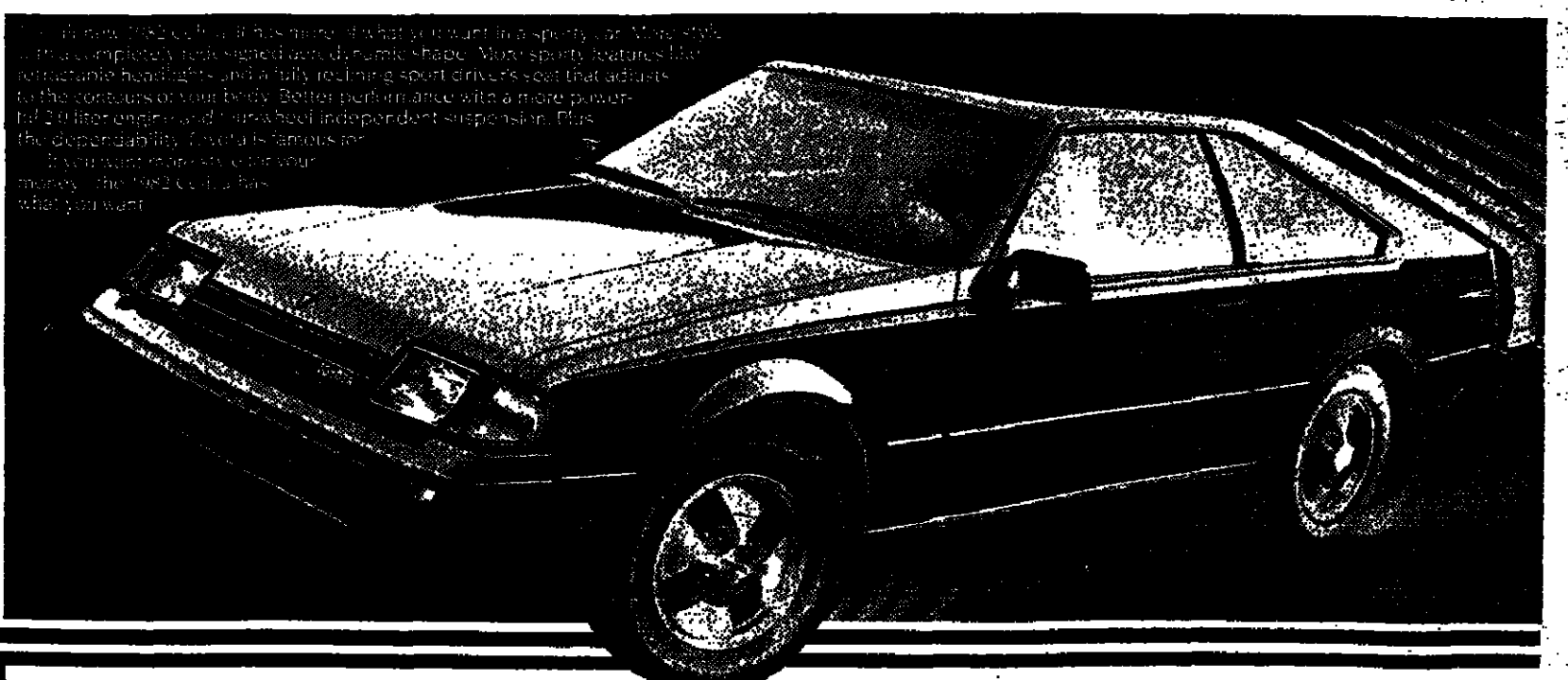
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Court verdict today**Sadat's killers may get death sentences**

CAIRO, March 5 (AFP) — President Anwar Sadat's 24 alleged killers face a possible sentence of death by hanging Saturday when the Cairo Military High Court hands down its verdict winding up the over three-month-long trial.

The 60 defense lawyers chosen by the accused said in a press conference here last Wednesday that they expected a "killer verdict" from the judges. Their statement came only hours after they were unexpectedly barred entry to the courtroom and replaced by 15 court-appointed lawyers. They termed the move a violation of the constitution, of human rights and of the rights of the defense.

Protesting that the exclusion came in the midst of pleas for their fifth client, they added that the new lawyers had no previous knowledge of the 2,000-page indictment. Three Egyptian opposition parties Friday backed up the lawyers, calling for a complete revision of what they termed an "arbitrary trial." Sources said the opposition parties had asked for an audience with President Hosni

Mubarak before Saturday's closing session of the trial.

While the 24 defendants have pleaded not guilty on all counts, the military prosecutor has called for death by hanging. But although there can be no appeal against the verdict under Egyptian military law, it must be rubber-stamped by the president who can accept a request for re-trial by the lawyers.

Throughout the lengthy trial, which began Nov. 21, the 24 accused have appeared relaxed and good-humored, each one of them reasserting "We served God, we belong to no party, we sacrificed ourselves so that our religion might renew its splendor, even at the cost of bloodshed."

The chief defendant, Lt. Khaled El Islam-buly, for example, who has also pleaded not guilty, said during the first session of the trial that he was proud of having killed Sadat whom he called "the pharaoh."

Sadat was assassinated in a hail of bullets fired from an apparently "broken-down" military truck while reviewing a military parade in Cairo Oct. 6.

Bahrain rebuts allegations plotters died in detention

MANAMA, March 5 (AP) — A Bahrain official "categorically denied" Friday claims that a number of persons held on charges of participating in a coup plot last December had died in detention.

"There are a number of irresponsible organizations in Iran disseminating lies about Bahrain," the official who was not identified, was quoted as saying by the *Akhbar Al-Khaleef* newspaper. "If such claims were true, they would not have remained a secret in Bahrain, a small state where foreign correspondents move freely," the same official told the paper.

The paper said the official was commenting on allegations made by the Iranian state radio that six detainees had died during interrogation here. A statement issued here last Sunday said that 73 persons will be tried for their life soon in connection with the plot.

Algerians go to polls to elect new assembly

ALGIERS, March 5 (AP) — Millions of Algerians cast their votes to elect a new National People's Assembly Friday in the country's second general election since independence from France in 1962.

Final results will not be announced until Saturday, but there was little surprise over the outcome. All candidates were carefully selected by the National Liberation Front (FLN), the country's only political party.

During the election campaign, party leaders spread throughout Algeria to present the various candidates to the people requesting them to take part in the elections.

The polls will close by 5 p.m. In the south of Algeria roving polling stations have been tracking down nomadic voters since Wednesday.

Although the assembly functions primarily as a rubber stamp for government policy, it will be the center of a lively debate on a revised draft of the family code based on Islamic law governing the role of women in

Ethiopia denies reports about attack on Mengistu

ADDIS ABABA, March 5 (R) — Officials Friday denied reports that Eritrean fighters wounded Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam in an attack in southern Eritrea Monday.

The officials described the reports, carried by two official Gulf news agencies and quoting an Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) statement, as completely false and absurd. They said that on the day of the purported attack, the Ethiopian leader was in the Eritrean provincial capital of Asmara. While there he promoted six high-ranking officers, including Defense Minister Tsefaye Gebre Kidan who rose from brigadier to lieutenant-general.

Film of the ceremony, during which Chairman Mengistu looked both jovial and fit, was shown on television and screened in Addis Ababa Tuesday evening, residents said. The Ethiopian leader has been in Asmara for most of the past two months leading a campaign to smash Eritrean fighters who have fought the central government for more than 20 years in Africa's longest fight for freedom.

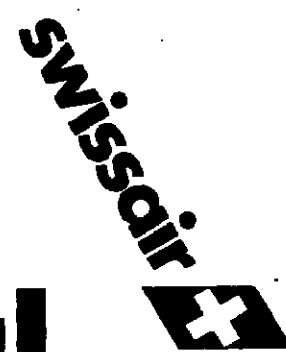
Mauritania sentences coup leaders to jail

DAKAR, Senegal, March 5 (AFP) — The principal leaders of an abortive coup d'etat in Mauritania Feb. 6 have been sentenced to 10 years in jail and the confiscation of their property, an informed source here said.

They include former President Mustapha Muhammad Ould Salek and former Prime Minister Sid'ahmad Ould Bneijara. The source added...

Buses to link Libya, Tunisia

PARIS, March 5 (AFP) — Libya and Tunisia Thursday signed an accord to set up a regular bus service between Tripoli and Tunis, Sousse and Sfax, Libya's news agency Jana, monitored here, reported Friday. The service will be operated by the General Company of Libyan Transport and the National Company of Rural Tunisian Transport, Jana said.

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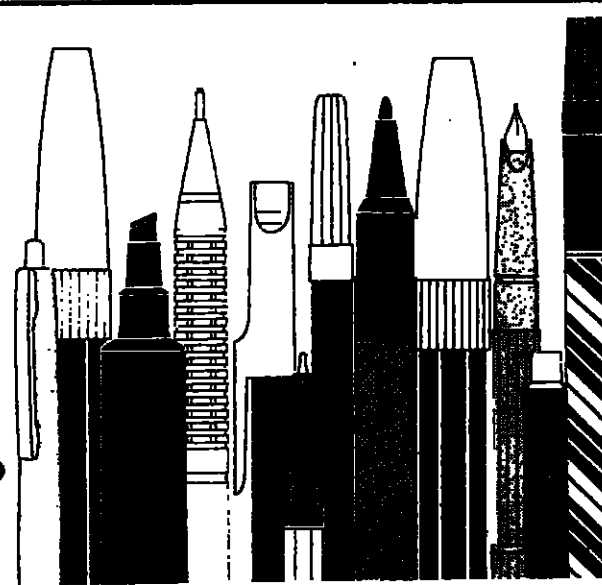
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MITTERRAND AND ISRAELI ARROGANCE

From the Arab point of view, it would have been better if President Mitterrand of France had chosen not to go to Israel. And, once he had gone, it would have been better from that same point of view if he had chosen not to visit Jerusalem, whose "unification" by the Israelis is no more than an act of international theft.

But now that he has gone on with his visit and included Jerusalem in his itinerary, the hope is that he heard and seen enough to realize the monstrous injustice at the heart of that Zionist project, an injustice which finds its perpetuation in Israel's continuous policy of aggression and expansionism.

There was certainly no better example of that basic injustice, aggressiveness and greed than in the venomous reply to his speech in the Knesset by Israeli Prime Minister Begin. And if there was any illusion that that reply represented only one of Israel's political traditions, the further reply by Labor Party leader Peres must have dispelled it utterly. On the matter of any recognition for the rights of the Palestinians Begin and Peres exhibited the same measure of blind arrogance and callousness.

The French president had it thus demonstrated for him that it is neither the Arab countries nor the Palestine Liberation Organization which have barred the way to a peaceful and just settlement for the problem of the Middle East, and that there is no way forward until the Israelis are made to recognize, and make reparations for the suffering they have imposed on the Palestinians all these decades.

Mitterrand's statement in the Knesset, in which he raised such a point, was noted by the Arab world. But the feeling is that it constituted no more than the absolute minimum as an expression of France's concern for, and interest in, a just solution in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's meeting in Jeddah by the Islamic Goodwill Committee in an effort to halt the Iraqi-Iranian war, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's malicious lies and slanderous campaign against the Kingdom and his destructive and provocative policy against the Arab and Islamic nation were the main topics for comment in Friday's newspapers.

On the meeting of the Islamic Goodwill Committee formed by Muslim leaders to put an end to the 17-month old Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, *Al-Jazirah* emphasized that no sincere Arab or Muslim man supports the continuation of this war "which only benefits the enemies of the Arab and the Islamic world."

"The heavy losses and destructive impact of this war are not confined to the two warring Islamic states, but also severely affect the interests and the strength of the whole Arab and Muslim nation," the paper said.

Al-Jazirah also said the committee can reach a peaceful settlement between the two countries if "the Iranian rulers respond positively to the committee's practical proposals to end the war."

"Had it not been for the Iranian rulers' stubbornness, encouraged by hostile international elements led by Zionism and communism and their agents like Qaddafi, Arab and Islamic solidarity would have been established and such a war between brotherly states would not have erupted," the paper said.

Al-Madinah attributed Qaddafi's aggressive campaign and malicious lies against the Kingdom to the complete failure of his internal and external policies, the mounting anger against him over his actions in Libya and his envy of the leading role played by the Kingdom in backing Arab and Islamic issues.

The paper advised Qaddafi to abandon his calls for revolution in other countries and to let his people enjoy at least the minimum of freedom.

Comparing the Kingdom's oil revenues with those of Libya, *Al-Madinah* said while Saudi Arabia is using its funds for the benefit of Arab and Islamic states, Qaddafi is spending his country's national wealth on destruction, revolution, coups and international terrorism. (SPA)



Can Reagan buy peace in Central America?

By Robert Chesshyre

WASHINGTON — The motive for President Reagan's economic and security package for the "Caribbean basin" — in the United States the term embraces Central America — may well be old-fashioned anti-communism. There is no doubt that the administration is thoroughly scared both by the "no win" dilemma it faces in El Salvador, and by the unenviable prospect of Central America "going down the drain", with a series of Cubas replacing the present often shaky anti-Communist regimes.

But for once the Reagan government — increasingly accused by its opponents at home of creating foreign policy through *ad hoc* responses to crises has spent time in preparing its strategy and has consulted with those it is seeking to help. Last week's package had been actively worked on for eight months, and it does reveal a new sophistication in U.S. attitudes toward its southern neighbors.

First, there is a clear realization that economic wellbeing is the surest defense against either home-grown or imported guerrilla movements. Administration officials stress that the cash proposed by Reagan is biased five-to-one in favor of economic as against military aid, and that the main thrust of the plan — the opening of U.S. markets and the promotion of investment in the region — is to create economic stability.

In this context little Costa Rica, a democracy for the past 34 years which has virtually no armed forces, is frequently cited as the sort of society the United States should be striving to create.

The second lesson that has apparently been learned is that it is not enough for a regime to be anti-Communist for it to get unequivocal U.S. support, but that it must also improve the treatment of its citizens. The Guatemalans, for example, were dismayed that the Reagan regime has not been more accommodating toward them, believing that there would be a far greater shift away from Carter's "human rights" policy than there has in fact been.

An administration adviser commented: "Whatever the morality of the case, the practicality is that the Guatemalans had better clean up their act." The implication is that if they don't, and thereby accelerate guerrilla activity, it is going to be hard for even a conservative regime such as Reagan's to come to their aid.

At the heart of the new-found United States concern for Central America lies El Salvador, which will get the lion's share of the new aid. The Vietnam analogy just will not go away, though Reagan seems to have decided very firmly now against the direct involvement of U.S. troops. After the speech to the Organization of American States, he repeated his joking remark that El Salvadoran guerrillas would have to bomb the White House before U.S. troops

would get involved.

But the essential dilemma remains: how far can the United States support a regime that has no control over its armed forces and which presides — despite being led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte, generally recognized as an honorable man doing his best — over the terrorization of a great number of its citizens in the name of fighting a surrogate war against the Russians and Cubans.

The same administration adviser said: "The Cuban missile crisis identified one kind of conduct that is unacceptable to the United States: setting up Cuban-style states across Central America is another. If Castro doesn't understand the *modus vivendi* that has to exist between East and West and he touches a raw nerve, he is going to create a very nasty international incident."

According to this strategic philosophy El Salvador has to be tackled in the world context, rather than as a local morality play. Only when the U.S. military buildup enables the administration to sit down with the Russians at least as equals — which may not be for more than another year — can negotiation with the El Salvadoran guerrillas be considered. At that point the United States might have the leverage to disentangle Cuba from El Salvador.

A supporter of the administration, trying to put El Salvador into a geopolitical context, drew an

analogy with Poland. "What is happening is as if we decided to ship arms to the Polish workers. Of course, you can argue that Polish workers should be able to defend themselves. That just happens to be a very sensitive piece of territory for the Russians, and even an administration as anti-Communist as this one would never think of doing something like that."

Despite a generally favorable reception in Washington for Reagan's "Caribbean Basin" plan, he has got to sell the package to Congress, and there were immediate mutterings about giving so much — an extra \$350 million a year in economic help and an extra \$60 million in military aid, roughly doubling the present total — when domestic economic problems are so pressing. Opening the door to Caribbean sugar producers will also raise opposition from the strong U.S. sugar lobby, while organized labor may feel threatened by the prospect of a flood of cheap imports.

However, Reagan was shrewd enough to link the package to the growing concern in the United States about illegal immigration from Latin America. If the public can be persuaded that these measures will create the right conditions for Central Americans to stay home, they will give the package their blessing. One congressman joked: "Reagan should have called his proposals 'the Anti-Immigration Act, 1982.'" — (ONS)

Rawlings aims at long 'house-cleaning' in Ghana

By a Special Correspondent

ACCRA — Lean and lanky in his rumpled air force dungarees, Jerry John Rawlings started across the table at a group of foreign journalists who had descended on Accra. There was a chill glint in his eyes.

"I sincerely wonder how many of you here will not leave and give a deliberate distortion to what is going on in this country," he said slowly. "I have come to realize clearly that the news media is the weapon of the twentieth century — not the bullet."

On New Year's eve Flight Lt. Rawlings, 34, seized power in Ghana for the second time in 28 months and promptly vowed to wage a "holy war" to stamp out corruption and maladministration. His mission to try again to rescue Ghana from itself is made more difficult by his puritanical belief that righteousness alone can exalt a nation.

The failure of his first attempt to transform Ghana after overthrowing the military government of Fred Akuffo on June 4, 1979, he attributes to his naivety. "It never struck me that some kind of supportive system and institutions would have to be organized to ensure that the people of this country could dictate the terms of their survival."

The media, both local and foreign, must also share the blame for Ghana's plight because of their "distortions", "lies" and "vicious stories", Rawlings claims. "The news media can be used to enhance the creative potential of a people; they can also be used to hold them in bondage."

Undoubtedly, Rawlings' second revolution is popular, but not as popular as his first. You do not execute three former heads of state and flog penny-pinching traders — as he did last time — without making enemies.

For the new, seven-member ruling Provisional National Defense Council, which has replaced former President Hilla Limann's two-year-old civilian government, the litmus test will be whether it can successfully revamp the nation's economy. A broad outline of its approach is emerging gradually.

Despite the Socialist and revolutionary rhetoric, there will be no sudden swing to the left for the simple reason that the nation is almost totally dependent on its Western trading partners for goods, services and technological knowhow.

The former government's Investment Code, which bent over backward to woo foreign investors, and was just beginning to bear fruit, will probably be retained, though Rawlings has promised that "individual agreements" will be examined to

ensure they are not "injurious to Ghana's own interests."

A crucial decision must be made on whether to devalue the almost worthless currency, the cedi. Ghanaians are unconvinced devaluation will provide a cure for all their problems. Their skepticism is born of three previous experiences which led to social and political upheavals and military coups.

Dr. George Bennet, the former minister of finance who was arrested after the coup and released recently, is helping the council to chart Ghana's immediate economic future. In the past, Bennet has spoken out firmly against devaluing the cedi, prescribed by the International Monetary Fund as a condition for securing a large loan. "The IMF's strong dose 'may kill the feeble patient', Bennet said last year. But a decision will have to be made by the council soon.

How closely Libya was involved in the coup is still unknown. Most Ghanaians have given a cautious welcome to Libya's offer of assistance and seem disappointed that the West has been more concerned about the Libyan involvement than the economic misery which precipitated the coup.

Rawlings has made it clear he is in no hurry to hand back power to a democratically elected gov-

ernment. That, he contends, was one of the main mistakes of his brief, national "house-cleaning" exercise in 1979. There was insufficient time for the spiritual cleansing he hoped for two work.

As a result, a call by the country's Association of Professional Bodies and the Ghana Bar Association that the council should confine its life-span to the remaining two years of Limann's tenure of office has been publicly snubbed.

There are still fears of a counter-coup. It is unlikely that Rawlings' coup would have succeeded if most of the senior military officers had not fled at the first sound of gunfire on Dec. 31. Now, it is rumored, the officers are trickling out of their hiding places and re-grouping. They are said to have the support of businessmen and traders and there is uncertainty about whether the council's "Libyan connections" may encourage foreign interests to support any would-be plotters. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 6th, the 65th day of 1982. There are 300 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:

1664 — France and Brandenburg form an alliance.

1821 — Revolt in Moldavia against oppressive rule of three, with rebels appealing to Russia's Tsar Alexander I for help and thus beginning Greek war for independence.

1836 — Alamo mission in San Antonio, Texas, falls to Mexican Army after 13-day siege, in which Davy Crockett and 186 other defenders die.

1882 — Prince Milan proclaims himself king of Serbia with Austrian support.

1922 — The United States prohibits export of arms to China.

1933 — Poland occupies the port of Danzig.

1945 — German city of Cologne falls to U.S. First Army in World War II.

1946 — France recognizes Vietnam as free state within Indochina federation.

1957 — Two former British colonies of Gold Coast and Togoland form independent West African nation of Ghana.

1965 — U.S. Defense Department announces that 3,500 U.S. Marines are being sent to South Vietnam — first American ground combat troops committed to fighting Communist guerrillas.

1972 — At least 52 persons are injured in Belfast, Northern Ireland, when bomb explodes in auto parking lot.

Thought for today:
Ask yourself whether you are happy, and you cease to be so — John Stuart Mill, English philosopher-economist (1806-1873).

Sikkim legislators defy Mrs Gandhi

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

GANGTOK, Sikkim — Mrs Indira Gandhi's government has threatened sedition charges against 10 elected members of the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim, the tiny Himalayan kingdom annexed by India in 1975. Their "offense" was to acknowledge Crown Prince Wangchuck Namgyal as their king after the death of his father in New York's Sloan Kettering Hospital in January.

Six of the 10 offending legislators belong to Mrs Gandhi's own Congress Party. Their brave, if hopeless, gesture recalls the unyielding defiance of the late king — or Chogyal — who refused to the end to see Indian rule as anything other than illegal occupation. Because he would not give in, he suffered harsh reprisal and constant petty persecution.

Thousands of loyal Sikkimese insisted on paying homage to his son on Feb. 19, the day they cremated the Chogyal on a bleak mountain top in a ring of snow-capped peaks about six miles from here. It was a triumphant vindication of the father who had been dispossessed, imprisoned and ruthlessly bullied, spending the last nine years of his life in lonely humiliation.

Whispers of something momentous afoot rustled through the crowd packed around the chapel royal in the palace grounds early that Friday morning as the cortege set out, a vast slow-moving mass of mourners led by red-robed Buddhist monks and the

pale young prince.

It was significant that Sikkim's 42-year-old chief minister, Nar Bahadur Bhandari, who last year merged his party with the Gandhi Congress, made the strenuous ascent on foot. Bhandari has been afflicted by a painful back since 1975, when he was beaten up by Indian policemen, denied treatment and thrown into jail for resisting the takeover.

When Prince Wangchuck returned to the palace after the last rites, thousands of men and women demanded to be received in state. The 29-year-old prince, who has a British business degree and worked for two-and-a-half years at the Heinz factory in London, hastily sat down on the Chogyal's divan in the palace drawing room, used only on ceremonial occasions.

Each visitor went down on hands and knees, head touching the carpet three times. Each also placed before the prince the traditional white scarf that is the Tibetan symbol of purity and affirmation of allegiance. So high was the pile that the prince could hardly be seen. From the hubbub on the lawn outside rose the strains of Sikkim's old national anthem, banned since 1973 when a manipulated uprising brought in Indian political intervention and eventually a military attack on the palace.

Toward the end of the ceremony, a small elderly Nepalese in a grey suit bustled into the drawing room, laid his scarf on the table, bowed deeply from the waist over folded palms, handed the prince a sheet of paper, and announced: "We hereby recog-

nize you as the thirteenth consecrated Chogyal of Sikkim."

Everybody was thunderstruck; even the imper-turbable prince looked taken aback.

For Bhim Bahadur Gurung had been a leading organizer of the 1973 riots, and helped India to depose the Chogyal and absorb Sikkim. He was later made speaker of the puppet assembly. But the document he had produced bore 13 or 14 names and testified that all the signatories had presented scarves to "the thirteenth consecrated Chogyal of Sikkim."

Gurung later told me he had been promised another seven signatures. With 17 out of 32 assembly members (including the speaker and his deputy) behind the demand, Gurung was planning to call on Mrs Gandhi to respect majority opinion and restore Sikkim's rights. It is a vain hope but the late Chogyal would have been amused at this extraordinary about-turn by one of his most bitter enemies.

More practical than his father and with a shrewd understanding of mob fickleness, Prince Wangchuck may not succumb to pressures to proclaim himself king, which would invite Mrs Gandhi's instant retaliation. He does not claim temporal powers and sternly discourages talk of a coronation. But he believes that the legal succession is automatic, and takes a serious view of his spiritual duties as heir to the last Chogyal.

A molehill in comparison to most

Mt. Washington's citadel of weather called 'worst' in inhabited world

By William Cockerham

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N.H. (WP) — This 6,288-foot rime-encrusted mountain that juts into one of the earth's major storm tracks is a citadel of weather. It is a molehill compared to most mountains, yet it has the formidable reputation of having the worst weather of any inhabited place on the globe. At least 60 unwary hikers and climbers have

tion when he got up.

Five hours later, suffering from exposure and exhaustion, Labbee luckily found one of a dozen search vehicles out looking for him. He was treated and released from a North Conway hospital.

As one rescuer observed, visibility that night was equivalent to being "inside a bottle of milk."

At the summit of the mountain, the word

all up," Harris said.

Across the summit from the television antenna station is the Mount Washington Observatory, where three men monitor the weather and conduct experiments.

Because of the nature of their work, these men take turns during the winter loosening ice and rime from the monitoring equipment. Often, it is so cold that this has to be done every three hours.

Ken Rancourt, the observatory's meteorologist, said there have been times when the wind has been so powerful he has had to tie a rope around himself "to pull myself back in."

Rancourt said it is difficult sometimes when he is sitting in the observatory's living quarters to remember he is on top of a mountain.

"You can be downstairs watching a James Bond movie on television and it's like being in an apartment in Boston. But, then you look at the clock and know you have to go to your job and get blown off the roof," he said.

As formidable as this mountain is, it has been accessible to tourists from June to September since the mid-1800s via a horse carriage road and a cog railroad. The carriage road, which took six years to complete, was opened in 1861. The railroad, still in operation, was finished in 1869.

Since 1823, when mountain guide Ethan Allen Crawford built three stone huts on the summit, a variety of buildings have been erected there, most destroyed by fire or weather.

In 1874, the first weather observing crew spent a winter on the summit. In 1880, an observation tower was built on the summit for the U.S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey. And in 1932, the Mount Washington Observatory, a non-profit institution, built its first station on the summit.

In 1941, the Yankee Network FM station was built, and in 1954, Mount Washington Television's WMTW-TV station was completed.

Besides monitoring the weather, the observatory conducts a variety of experiments on cold-weather clothing, tires, jets, solar panels, icing on airplane wings and power lines and cloud composition.

"We're an observation platform at 6,000 feet," said Guy Gosselein, observatory director.

weather takes on a new significance.

The whiteness of the rime (super-cooled fog) is blinding. The cold slices through you like a razor blade and the wind is often so fierce it is impossible to walk without leaning into it. A sudden change in wind-direction will knock you over.

Willie Harris, a television station engineer who is spending his 28th winter at the summit this year, wouldn't have it any other way, though. He loves the week-on, week-off shift and the drama of the weather outside the comfortable bunker where he lives.

"After all these years, I'd miss the mountain," he said.

Although Harris and his partner Engstrom only venture outside of their four-room living quarters when an emergency comes up, the two men have experienced temperatures as low as minus-46 degrees F and winds as high as 136 mph.

The two men said they enjoy each other's company and rarely get on each other's nerves despite the close living arrangement.

"We don't discuss music, though. We don't see eye to eye on it and we just avoid the subject," said Harris, who likes jazz. Engstrom likes Lawrence Welk.

There are more jokes about the two men living alone on a mountain top than you can imagine, so naturally Engstrom and Harris have a good sense of humor about their situation.

Because of the uncertainty of getting weekly supplies to the summit, the engineers stock enough food to last a year. Harris, for example, ordered 89 bottles of watermelon-rind pickles this year.

"Marty will get real mad if I don't use them

People don't die on this mountain, warns one sign, "they perish." Others say visibility is often like being in a bottle of milk.

lost their lives on this mountain as a result of the weather since 1849, most from exposure and exhaustion. Fifteen have perished during summer months.

There are colder and windier places on earth, but nowhere is there such a dramatic clash of the two.

Hurricane-force winds howl across the mountain's Arctic-like peaks on an almost daily basis in the winter. Combined with below-zero temperatures, these conditions could freeze your eyeballs within minutes.

"It doesn't take much for a person who is ill-prepared for the weather up here to have the strength sucked right out of them," said Marty Engstrom, an engineer for Mount Washington Television who has worked on the summit of the Northeast's highest mountain since 1964.

Weather statistics on the peak, located in new Hampshire's White Mountains, are enough to make a snowman turn and run for cover:

— The world's highest wind velocity — 231 mph — was recorded here April 12, 1934.

— Hurricane-force winds (75 mph) are recorded on an average of 104 days a year.

— Gusts of up to 150 mph have been recorded here during every month except June, July and August.

— A low temperature of minus-47 degrees was recorded here in 1934.

— Zero or below-zero temperatures have been recorded during every month of the year at one time or another. The highest temperature ever recorded was 71 degrees.

— Record snowfall of 49.3 inches during a 24-hour period occurred in February 1969. For that whole month, snowfall was 172.8 inches.

Snowfall has been recorded on every day of the year at one time or another.

— The peak is in the clouds about 55 percent of the year.

Although Mount Washington is accessible to tourists from June until September over an automobile road, few but the most experienced of hikers and climbers can make it to the top the rest of the year. Hikers and climbers are warned even during the summer, though, to turn back if there is a sudden change in the weather. People don't die on this mountain, warns one sign, "they perish."

During the winter, the only way up the mountain is by vehicles with tank-like tracks, or by foot, which is not advisable.

But even by tracked vehicle, the trip is perilous. Snowdrifts often obliterate the road and visibility vanishes to almost zero the nearer you get to the summit.

As bad as the weather is, however, between five and six people work and live on the summit year-round — two engineers at Mount Washington Television's antenna station and three to four people at the Mount Washington Observatory.

Every Wednesday when weather permits, two tracked vehicles rumble slowly up the 8-mile auto road with relief crews, higher and higher until the trees diminish to heights of only a foot or more because of the wind and cold, and then disappear entirely.

Beyond the tree line, there is nothing except ice and rime-encrusted rocks — no life, vegetable or animal, except for the human forms inside the snowcat.

Outside the vehicles, hurricane-force winds tear across a part of the frozen terrain called the "cow pasture," shortening the drivers' visibility to only a dozen yards.

"Nearly lost a tractor here last week," said Parker Vincent, Mount Washington Television's chief engineer. "Slid sideways down a drift just as easily as anything. Would have gone over the side except there was a rock right where it should have been."

A week before another television station driver, Philip Labbee, blinded by a fierce snowstorm, took a wrong turn on the way down from the peak and ended up against the side of a bluff. Labbee got out of his vehicle in an effort to find the road, wandered off about 16 feet, tripped on a rock and lost his direc-



DIGGING OUT: An unbearable weight of several tons of snow fell on this roof recently in Switzerland. When this happens there is nothing else to do but clear it off with a shovel.

Met waited more than 100 years to display some pieces

N.Y. museum's new Rockefeller wing has 1,500 'unfamiliar' works of art

NEW YORK (LAT) — The Metropolitan Museum's new Michael C. Rockefeller wing, which opened to the public Feb. 3, is a great deal more than an \$18-million investment in 42,000 square feet — nearly a full acre — of space. It is a signal that a major art battle has been won.

The 1,500 works on view come from worlds unfamiliar to many museums: Africa, the Pacific Islands and pre-Columbian and native America.

The African art resides in the entrance galleries of the new wing where the first sight is a 1-foot wooden Dogon figure from the African nation of Mali, beside a carved wooden horse-headed trough, which once held mule meat, horse meat or donkey meat. In the largest gallery, under a sloping glass skylight, a row of Asmat ancestor poles from New Guinea, carved with astounding delicacy despite their height, up to 19 feet, stand guard over cases of New Guinea body masks railing rattan skirts. And not far away is the treasury, housing golden birds and masks and reasplatters from pre-Columbian America.

Such art has not always been welcome in museums like the Metropolitan, which acquired its first Peruvian stone sculptures in 1882 and has waited until now to do anything serious about displaying them. When Nelson

A. Rockefeller first tried to get the Metropolitan to go in on some pre-Columbian archaeological digs in the 1930s, the museum flatly refused.

Half a century later, Rockefeller's own collection serves as the core of the wing named after his son Michael, who disappeared on a New Guinea art collecting expedition in 1961. And the Metropolitan asserts it "has bridged the last gap in its encyclopedic presentation of man's cultural and artistic achievement. Works of the highest quality from these cultures now take their rightful place among the arts of Eastern and Western cultures at the museum."

There may not be as many North American Indian pieces here as at the Heye Foundation farther uptown in Manhattan, or as many Polynesian pieces as in Hawaii, or as vast a selection of Mayan art as in Mexico City. But what there is, for the most part, is thorough and superlative. It is easy to be overwhelmed by all these riches, and return visits are suggested; this is, after all, a permanent addition.

"This wing has been a long time coming, but I'm glad it's here," is the reaction of Wayne Heathcote, a major New York dealer in South Pacific art. "For most people this art has been that fuzzy stuff from those black people. Now at last the greatest museum in

the world is showing it as the art form it has been all along."

"If the Metropolitan really wanted to be encyclopedic, it couldn't without a collection of this nature," is the assessment of Alan Wardwell, director of Asia House Gallery and former curator of primitive art at the Art Institute of Chicago.

It wasn't too long ago that wooden Dogon figures, bronze Benin heads, golden Peruvian birds and ratan Asmat masks were relegated to museums of ethnology and natural history as, at worst, curiosities or, at best, clues to a backward society.

The slow change in perception began some 75 years ago, when Picasso transformed the angular lines and ferocious energy of Ivory Coast masks into cubism and the German painters Emil Nolde and Max Pechstein found a way of translating the masks and shields of New Guinea into expressionism.

When the museum of modern art began showing pre-Columbian and African art in the '30s, the point was to demonstrate their influence on modernism. It was a giant step to mount and display such art as art at all. Rockefeller himself claimed a lot of credit for those shows at the museum that his mother had founded and that he himself headed as president for some time. And in 1954, having

amassed, with the help of moma director Rene D'Harnoncourt, a first-class collection of his own, he founded the Museum of Primitive Art, which opened in 1957.

Housed in a Rockefeller townhouse on 54th Street, it was the first museum devoted solely to primitive art. And it displayed what it has as art. That meant that aesthetic considerations, rather than sociological concerns, came first. Those were heady days for collecting, and Rockefeller and his museum had the money with which to do it. They influenced the way other museums mounted their primitive art, as if it were, say, Greek sculpture or Chinese vases. And other collectors began to get into the market, too. By now prices have multiplied, in Wardwell's words, "10-, 20-, 30-fold," and the chances of amassing a similar collection are just about nil.

Rockefeller finally got his collection to the Metropolitan in 1969 in a still much-talked-about and fondly remembered exhibit, "Art of Oceania, Africa and the Americas from the Museum of Primitive Art."

The Metropolitan is engaged in 30 major projects and the new wing simply had to wait its turn. In the end, Rockefeller family members and foundations accounted for \$8,250,000 of the total \$18,255,413 cost of building and installing the wing. The Met-

Life in a fascinating world

A delicately balanced eco-system is supported by Red Sea mollusks

Saudi Arabian Seashells By Doreen Sharabati, VNU Books International, 1981, 119 pages

By Kay Hardy Campbell

AL-KHOBAR — Occasional wanderers of Saudi shorelines, strictly on-shore shell collectors and casual beach bums, beware. Doreen Sharabati's book, *Saudi Arabian Seashells*, will change your life.

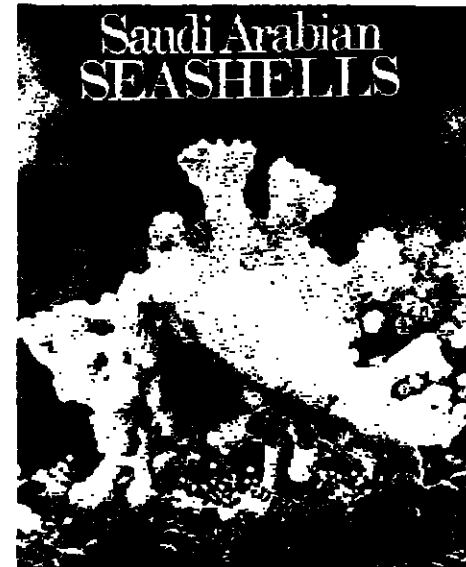
You will no longer be able to look at those pretty dried out shells in the same way. Sharabati's work will teach you that in every shell a fascinating mollusk once dwelled. You'll learn what its body looked like, what it ate, where it lived, and how it reproduced.

With Latin names thrown at you constantly you will learn to take the tiny creatures seriously, and perhaps, as Sharabati suggests, learn to only keep a few specimens of each shell type. Leaving the rest be would be more thoughtful of the precious shoreline environment.

Sharabati, an American woman who has lived in the Western Regions of Saudi Arabia for many years, has been scuba diving nearly every weekend since she came here. Her book reflects the diver's perspective. Mollusks are presented as living, fascinating creatures. Thus, before getting to the heart of the book, the chapter on the specific common shells of the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf, Sharabati takes the reader on a long journey through scientific descriptions of the lives and habitats of mollusks.

Arabian Seashells begins with an interesting chapter on the geography of Saudi Arabia with particular attention paid to the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf. These pages are enlightening in that they give generalizations about winds, tides, currents, and undersea structures of interest to the uninitiated. Always such information is presented with the ecology — interrelationships between organisms and their environment — in mind.

Sharabati points out major environmental determining factors that have led to general molluscan developments in the world, then mentions the particulars concerning the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf. The Red



Sea's wind patterns, depths, water temperature and salinity have made it a particularly good breeding ground for mollusks. She states that as many as 40 percent of the Red Sea's mollusks are endemic — due to the fact, she asserts, that relatively little in and outflow occurs from the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean.

"The reefs in the Gulf of Aqaba are, in fact, the most northerly, fully developed reefs in the world, perhaps because the cloudless sky's sun warms the sea even more than could normally be expected at such latitudes."

Coral-impeding sediment is also minimal owing to the lack of inflowing streams.

The Arabian Gulf's high temperatures, sandy bottoms on the western shore, relatively little water exchange with the Indian Ocean have produced the opposite effect from the Red Sea. Relatively fewer coral reefs are found, and mollusk populations are less varied and exotic.

Sharabati spends many pages discussing the anatomical differences among the seven classes of mollusks. From body shapes, functions and eating habits, *Saudi Arabian Seashells* points out their habitats in the reef and tidal structures.

A fascinating section on man's use of mollusks in history reveals the antiquity of our predilection for pearls, and shells. Not only

have cowrie shells been used as currency and jewelry in antiquity, they symbolized fertility. One Saudi Arabian bedouin tribe still announces a wedding by sticking a post topped by cowrie studded cloth in front of the bride's tent. Sharabati tells of Assyrian nobles who wore pearls as jewelry, on their clothing and in their beards.

She points out that the Red Sea was a preferred source for pearls.

The Red Sea, although not of great importance in the total numerical production of pearls, was one of the most ancient sources, especially during the reign of the Ptolemies in Egypt. As early as the 3rd century B.C., Nearchus said that in the Red Sea lies an island where precious pearls are found. "Whiter than either Gulf of Ceylon pearls and with a stronger luster, Red Sea pearls occur most extensively among the Dahlak Islands and the Farasan Islands in the southern part of the Red Sea."

Since the Red Sea pearling operations were run and financed by Indian traders, little is known locally of the amount gleaned from the Red Sea.

The section concerning the major mollusks of the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf brings the reader through the various habitats where the mollusks live. In each habitat, Sharabati explains how each of the major mollusks fit into the ecology. This makes for an appreciation of the mollusks as living organisms within the delicate ecosystem they inhabit.

This book is not a guide to the seashells themselves. It is an in-depth view of how they live. Fortunately the glossary at the back contains the multi-syllabled Latin terms Sharabati has used for the various creatures. Inexpensive handbooks with big colorful drawings of the specimens can be taken to the beach and referred to while 'in the field.' This book is to give the shell collector a balanced view of what he or she has collected.

The amazing photographs, most by Kit Constable-Maxwell, exemplify what Sharabati tries to present in words. Capturing a mollusk feeding, amazing close up shots of a cone shell's face, and an octopus in motion, all the photographs who contributed to *Saudi Arabian Seashells* captured the fascinating world of mollusks.

Nairobi's killer buses are protected, their drivers always ignore the rules

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI — Kenyan boys used to prove their manhood by spearing a lion single-handed. Since lion hunting is now outlawed, the nearest comparable test of courage is to get a job as conductor on one of the *matatu* buses that career headlong through the busy streets of Nairobi and other towns.

Matatus cater for the poorest of Kenyan travelers, many of them illiterate. The conductor's job is to act as a human destination board, clinging to the swinging back-doors and calling out the names of stopping points. A dire cross between a commuter minibus and a pirate taxi, the *matatu* is an institution which Kenyans love to hate. They cannot do without them despite the grave risks, discomforts and indignities passengers have to suffer.

Matatu drivers behave as if they are a law unto themselves, able to break every rule of the road with impunity, which they almost are. The vehicles they drive are responsible for more accidents in Kenya than any other type of transport, for they are mostly overloaded, usually top-heavy, always travel at high speeds and have the minimum of maintenance.

Their immunity goes back to 1973, when they were given exemption from commercial licensing regulations, enabling them to carry as many passengers as they can cram inside. The *matatu* comes from the original fare of 30 Kenyan cents (about 6 cents) from the Nairobi city center to any suburb which was in Kiswahili *matani matatu*, or three 10 cent coins.

Although many times higher than that now, *matatu* fares have been slightly lower than those on the ordinary town buses, and this — plus their willingness to carry all kinds of goods, gives them a "pull" over competitors.

Even during rush hours they always seem to have "room for one more", unlike the

jam-packed buses which are accessible at such times only to those agile enough to climb in through the side-windows.

The protection given to *matatus* was ordered by Kenya's first president, Jomo Kenyatta, who felt they performed a vital service in taking poor people to work. So, instead of being hounded off the roads as in colonial days, the *matatus* were given respectability after independence and came to be regarded almost as a freedom symbol.

From time to time the authorities try to

crack down on *matatus* but because many are owned by influential people, they seldom suffer prosecution, even for major traffic violations.

Ignoring pleas from the more timid passengers to drive more slowly, the average *matatu* driver races back and forth along his route, trying to squeeze as many runs as possible into the day.

Some of the drivers have only a few hours of driving experience before they are entrusted with a human cargo.



HOSTAGE BUS: Passengers were taken from Stanstad Airport in Britain by bus after the hijackers of the Tanzanian jet plane surrendered. No one was hurt.

Work schedule jointly decided

Experimental French 'freedom school' offends teachers' union, its secret

By Paul Webster
PARIS (LOS) — In an atmosphere of secrecy, the first education experiment of the French socialist administration was launched last month under the direction of Gabriel Cohn-Bendit, brother of the 1968 student leader, Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

The Education Ministry has put out a directive forbidding any of the staff at Cohn-Bendit's experimental lycée in the Atlantic port of St. Nazaire to talk about the school. It has 18 staff, only 50 pupils and total freedom on courses and timetables.

Its experimental basis has offended the powerful socialist teachers' union, the Federation d'Education Nationale, which counts about 150 members among the socialist

deputies in parliament. They consider the experiment, in which pupils and teachers will jointly decide their work schedule, could undermine confidence in the state education system.

The state-financed lycée — Cohn-Bendit prefers to call it a center — is one of the rare political gifts that the government has given to the extreme Left, which has been disappointed by the moderate policies of President Francois Mitterrand's administration.

Because of the ministry's directive Cohn-Bendit politely turns away visitors to the lycée, based in a villa overlooking the Loire estuary and the Atlantic. But letters from him to extreme left-wing publications before he was given the go-ahead and conversations with his pupils give a clear idea of the 1968

spirit at the center.

Cohn-Bendit, whose better-known brother was banned from France until the socialists came to power, has spent much of the last 14 years pleading for experimental schools which will allow "marginal" teachers and students to work together. He estimates that at least 200,000 children between 16 and 19 and several hundred teachers want a more flexible education system.

In a letter to the education minister, Alain Savary, whom he calls "comrade," Cohn-Bendit wrote: "Why not gather together these marginal pupils and teachers who understand each other so well when they meet by chance?"

It is estimated that at least 40 percent of children in private education are pupils seek-

ing a more flexible learning system and despite the teachers' union claim that Cohn-Bendit's experiment would give comfort to private schools, he was given the go-ahead.

As the rest of France's state education system is strongly centralized with courses, timetables and textbooks barely distinguishable throughout the country, Cohn-Bendit's experiment is little short of revolutionary.

It will be the first self-managed state school with the students and teachers jointly planning work schedules. Classes will be dropped and there will be no fixed timetables. Ad-hoc

learning groups will be formed based on learning levels and the pupils will have their own radio, newspaper and video film facilities.

According to Cohn-Bendit: "If the children work intelligently they will pass the baccalaureat in their stride."

But the controversy is far from over, particularly if attempts are made to establish other extreme left-wing inspired state schools elsewhere. While the St. Nazaire experiment is monitored closely in Paris, there is every sign that the state will reinforce its authority on education in a way that no government has

dared since 1968.

This is particularly striking in tertiary education where a deep reform is under way for the university and grandes écoles system. The liberty given as a result of the student riots of 1968 could be severely curtailed under a government project now under discussion for release in June.

The free and easy atmosphere of Cohn-Bendit's educational dream will have no place in universities, where the socialists are determined to reintroduce a form of selection — rejected since 1968 — and strictly limit the choice of degree courses.

Enduring Test is an endurance test

By Y. Tahrir

JEDDAH—Cricket-fever is a known contagious disease. No effective remedy exists for this, except to kill the disease by a high and concentrated dose of the same disease — the best antidote for poison being more poison. The most efficacious treatment of the disease, after the germs have been confirmed to be present in a patient, is to make him watch the game, particularly, in the form of a Test match. All the days it lasts!

Tickets! Well, that could be a problem. On checking up one finds that all the tickets have been sold to the confirmed patients who have developed immunity to all treatment and sane advice.

If you know nothing about the art of gate-crashing, your best tip would be to keep a lookout for a serious disease — except cricket-fever — in a ticket-holder so you could occupy a seat in his place. It might be exasperating to discover that practically none of the 50,000 to 60,000 sufferers of this fever, ever falls prey to any other disease during the period of a Test match.

If all resources and resources have failed, then the second best course open is to make the patient watch it on the TV, that is as much as there is to see, granting the time for the power failures and technical faults for which you'll be consoled by unending apologies.

So it happened one day that I was necked by a ferociously robust, college-going nephew, who had suddenly developed this fever, the thermometer touching rather dangerous heights.

Next morning we had an early breakfast and reached the venue of the Test, I had never seen so many people at one place before, except, perhaps, at another Test match. Despite our brandishing the tickets, getting in was a bit of a problem, but somehow we managed.

The game had already started. Our team, famous for its batting prowess, was in the crease. But nothing seemed to be happening. The score-board wasn't keeping pace with the time. After every delivery, new field plac-

ings became mandatory. And then the problem with the ball. After every 10 overs or so, it went out of shape. The new ball of course, could not be beaten into the shape of the old ball without further loss of time.

Before five of our batting stalwarts and run-getting-machines could come back to the pavilion — as a matter of fact, only four had done so — it was the drink interval. At this cessation of hostilities between the two sides, the young man at my side, grew slightly impatient and said, "Will they really start playing after the interval?"

"Don't try to be cynical," I said, trying to be so myself, "they have been doing nothing but playing cricket for as long as we've been here."

As you must be aware, the five-minute break is in reality eight to nine minutes. This over, the players shifted as if they were going back to their usual positions. But the captain could not be satisfied. To be convinced that he had precise measurements for the exact placements, he moved the players as on a chess-board. He would order a player forward and then back — even half a step. Finally, when somehow, the field was placed, much to the captain's obvious dissatisfaction, he still had to give instructions to the bowlers. All this he accomplished with the consummate skill of an artist, who refuses to be unfurled by any distractions. The shouts and oranges, left him unmoved.

Ultimately, when the bowler was coming to lodge his ball, it turned out that the batsman wasn't yet ready. He had to tie up his loose pad. After this rather trying but necessary pause, the ball slipped out of the hands of the bowler which was adjudged to be very wide off the stumps. Indeed, the efforts by the leg-umpire for self-preservation, and his warnings had a salutary effect. True, he was no longer the target, but the batsmen were still basking in glorious inaction. The general area around the wickets, to the off and on seemed to be very safe — otherwise the speeding missiles, had they found an aim, could not have been without mischief. The loquacious commentators were praising the

great bowling of some of the fastest bowlers without taking any glory from the great batsmen.

Anyway, the score board kept moving with the help of no-balls. This was the pattern of the game for quite sometime. Before the next delivery, "minor" field adjustments consumed the normal time. Now there was a slight change, however, that the two batsmen were impelled to have a short "conference" in the middle, in between the deliveries.

Well, so far so good. Our team was facing the same crisis it has always faced — a breakdown in the opening and middle-order batting. So all this caution and words of advice, by the "shielding" batsmen were understandable. Later on it transpired that one of the erstwhile bats was kept to leave the field, while the other was pleading with him to stay on till, at least the next delivery, a request which he granted by actually staying in the crease till then. Having learned the wisdom of not molesting the goss balls, he showed the same nonchalance to a delivery which by mistake, the bowler had lobbed right into the wickets. On finding two of his wickets missing from their usual place, and after having been convinced by the umpire that there was no mistake, our hero walked back, bat high in the air.

The great bowler was duly patted by the captain and lifted on the shoulders of his teammates. Of course the usual allowance of the oranges was duly thrown on the field by the spectators. The returning player was dutifully greeted and cheered in the pavilion and the usual commotion accompanied the new batsman as he walked towards the crease. While getting his bearings from the umpire, he showed no inordinate haste to start the proceedings. Known to be one of the most "aggressive" bats of the day, he was naturally keen to safeguard his reputation.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kater at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

LIVING
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TENSION

By Peter J.
Steinrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Some people consider they live the perfect life when they don't smoke or overeat. They are so proud of overcoming these bad habits, they don't realize that one bad habit can undo everything else.

Consider my husband. He's only 38 but overworking himself to death. I'm as sure as can be that one day soon he will leave a widow and three children. All because of what?

He has been bitten by the money bug. All he's interested in is making money. Is there any way to knock some sense into him? — Mrs. R.

Dear Mrs. R.: In cases similar to your husband's sometimes sudden catastrophic illness in the patient himself, or in a family member, will bring him to senses.

What you say of him indicates that few of us live an ordered life — methodical and free from unnecessary impediments. Unlike Thoreau. We do not Simplify! Simplify! Simplify!

Too many are looking for we know not what — and turn our world topsy turvy. If the objective is more money, in the process we often deprive our family and ourselves of the ordinary comforts and pleasures of life.

Dear Doctors: I always prided myself on having a strong back. One day, through carelessness, I joined millions of others who complain of having a bad back. Trying to help my daughter load a heavy box into her car. I insisted on doing it alone. I recall bending over stiff-legged and struggling to life it.

Half way into the car, I felt something snap in my back. The pain was so intense, I had to let go and the heavy case just missed my feet as it crashed.

That happened last year. Since then 've had all kinds of examinations for slipped disc, etc. But the doctors say nothing is wrong with my spine. It's chronic muscles strain. It wish you'd warn your readers how important it is to lift properly. — Mr. T.

Dear Mr. T.: The point you make is more important than most people realize. It happens to be true that millions suffer unnecessarily from his lack of knowledge: how to lift things. And like you, they suffer bad backs. Frank Chappell, in a recent AMA news feature offers some hints on how to save your back.

Stand close to the object, feet flat on the floor about 12 inches

apart. Keep the spine straight, bend knees and grasp object. Lift up, straightening your legs. Do Not pull upward with your arms and back.

To get off the ground with a brief case that is chock-full use other tactics: Stand beside the suitcase and bend knees; then straighten knees and lift suitcase gradually. Don't bend at the waist. As you walk keep the case close to you. Two suitcases are better than one. Equally balanced burdens put less strain on your spine.

Many a bad back might be called a suitcase back. But bending over improperly to pick up a pin is often the precursor of back trouble, too.

MEDICALETTERS
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I have arthritis. I've heard that doctors can make artificial joints for arthritic hips. I have a very bad knee. Is there an artificial joint for that, too? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: Joint replacement is called arthroplasty. There are artificial joints for hips, wrists elbows, shoulders and fingers. Often there is dramatic relief.

There's also a process in which a joint may be "resurfaced" rather than replaced. Sometimes this is tried before arthroplasty.

For example, the top of the thigh bone may be scraped and capped with a metal head. And the socket of the hip is cleaned and lined with plastic. Your orthopedist will explain more fully, Mrs. G.

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My husband keeps calling women the weaker sex. I remind him we outlive men. He says, "So what?"

I also tell him that when there's any sort of emergency in the house, he's the one who falls to pieces emotionally. My daughters and I keep him from falling apart. Isn't this the usual story? — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: Nancy Reagan put it well in an interview which appeared in American Medical News (12/4/81) when she said a woman is like a tea bag. "You never know her strength until she is in hot water."

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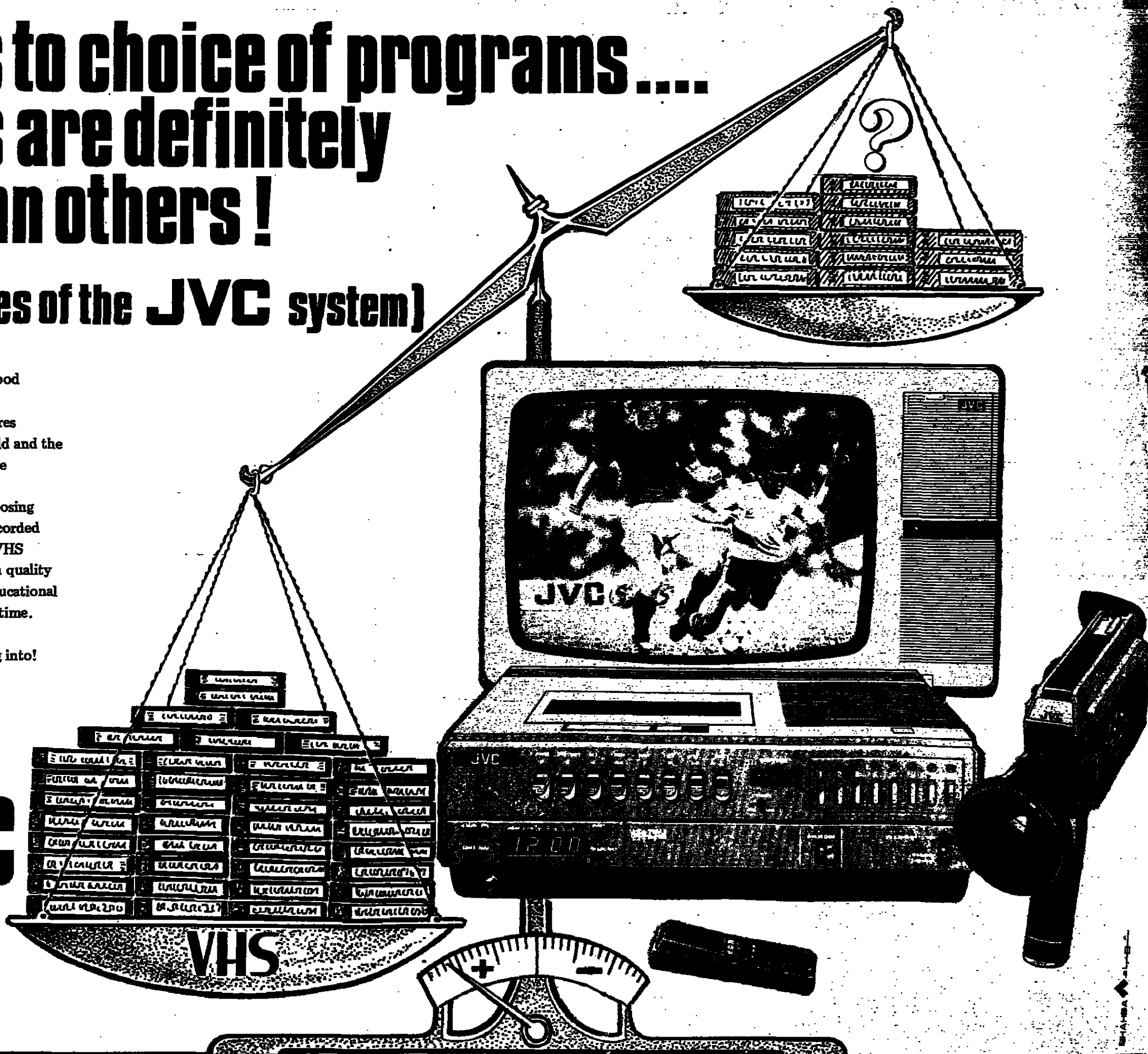
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Soviet sub violated territorial waters, Italian minister says

ROME, March 5 (Agencies) — Disputing Soviet claims, Defense Minister Lello Lagorio said Friday the submarine that violated Italian territorial waters in the Gulf of Taranto last week belonged to the Soviet Navy.

Responding to questions in parliament,

Mitterrand to visit U.S.

SANTA BARBARA, California, March 5 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand will have talks with President Ronald Reagan in Washington March 12, the White House announced.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig would take part in the discussions, a spokesman said Thursday. The announcement was made shortly after Reagan arrived from Los Angeles to spend a long weekend at his ranch outside Santa Barbara.

U.S. officials said a major item on the agenda would be arrangements for the seven-nation economic summit to be held in Versailles, outside Paris, in June. Both presidents will attend the Versailles talks and then go to Bonn for a summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

President Mitterrand indicated some time ago that he wanted to meet Reagan before the economic summit because of concern over relations between Western Europe and the Soviet Union. France, along with other major allies of the United States, has said the Reagan administration's policy toward the Soviet Union is too tough.

Lagorio identified the vessel as a "Victor class" nuclear-powered attack submarine and said it was probably on a mission to gather information that could be useful in wartime.

The Socialist cabinet minister ruled out that the submarine entered Italian waters because of an engine breakdown or navigation error. Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Lunikov, who was summoned to the Foreign Ministry Monday, said such allegations were an attempt to worsen Soviet-Italian relations and "throw a shadow on the foreign policy of peace of the Soviet Union."

Lagorio's statement to parliament was the first official identification of the submarine as Soviet. The Defense Ministry had previously identified the vessel only as a non-NATO submarine chased out of the Gulf Feb. 24 by an Italian submarine supported by airplanes and helicopters.

Italy has a navy base at Taranto, and Lagorio said that in the recent past two other unidentified non-NATO submarines have been detected near the Italian coast although outside national waters.

In a sharply worded note earlier this week protesting the violation of Italian waters, the Foreign Ministry deplored what it called the "irresponsible initiative" adding the violation "certainly does not help to strengthen reciprocal confidence."

On Thursday, the Soviet ambassador denied that a Soviet submarine tried to spy on Italy's major military port.

The Soviet ambassador's denial to the Foreign Ministry said: "According to the competent Soviet authorities ... no Soviet submarine violated Italian waters and at the time indicated ... came within less than 200 kms of the Gulf of Taranto."

Vessey named topmost U.S. military officer

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan surprised almost everybody in the Pentagon — and made history — Thursday when he chose Army Gen. John W. Vessey, Jr., to become the next chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff.

The name of Vessey, who will be 60 June 29, was not mentioned in any of the speculation as to who would succeed outgoing Air Force Gen. David Jones next June 30.

His nomination is historic because it represents the first time that an officer has been promoted by a president from the obscure job of vice chief of his service to become the highest-ranking military officer in the United States armed forces.

Also, Vessey will be the first officer in nearly 25 years to be picked for chairman without first having served as chief of his service.

The bemedaled Vessey, born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was a national guardsman before World War II, was called to active duty before Pearl Harbor and won a battlefield commission as an artillery second lieutenant on the Anzio beachhead in May 1944.

His career has been marked by what one senior officer referred to as "closeness to the troops," in contrast to some senior officers who rise as technical or management specialists.

A former commander of U.S. forces in Korea and a veteran of key operations and planning assignments, Vessey is credited with broad strategic knowledge.



Gen. John W. Vessey, Jr.

As is usual with newly appointed chairmen, there are many officers who are ready to praise Vessey as having a sharp mind and firm grasp. But there are those, also, who speak of him as "cantankerous."

Back during the Carter administration it was reported that Vessey, then commanding U.S. troops in South Korea, irritated President Jimmy Carter by openly opposing

Carter's plan to pull all U.S. ground troops from that Asian peninsula. "If I had my way, I would not withdraw," Vessey told the Senate Armed Services Committee in March 1978.

There are some in the army who believe his outspokenness at that time cost him the chance to become army chief of staff in 1979. Instead, he was brought back from Korea and made vice chief.

As vice chief of staff of the Army, Vessey since mid-1979 has been in charge of running his service on a day-to-day basis, freeing Gen. Edward C. Meyer, the chief of staff, for broader tasks as a member of the joint chiefs, for appearing before Congress, and for dealing with the civilian leadership of the Pentagon.

However, he has managed to retain in touch with global strategic matters and returned only last Sunday from a visit with military officials in Venezuela, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Vessey is the fifth army officer to head the joint chiefs of staff. The Air Force has had three chiefs, the navy two and the Marine Corps has yet to see one of its generals rise that high.

The U.S. Navy was particularly hopeful that Adm. Thomas B. Hayward, its chief of operations, would be tapped to succeed Jones and win a four-year term as chairman. This hope was rooted in the belief that under the Reagan administration the Navy is in the ascendancy. Also, the Navy has not had a chairman since Adm. Thomas H. Moorer retired in 1974.

Italian crash blamed on bomb, missile

ROME, March 5 (AP) — A bomb or a missile caused the mystery crash of a Palermo-bound DC-9 jetliner that killed 81 persons in June 1980, according to a study by the technical laboratory of the Italian Air Force released Thursday.

The commission investigating the crash ruled out the possibility that the explosion was caused by combustible materials normally on board the aircraft, one of the original hypotheses.

The commission, led by Carlo Luzzatti, director of the Alghero airport in Sardinia, based its report on tests of the wreckage of the plane recovered from the sea about 90 miles southwest of Naples.

The report will be forwarded to the Transportation Ministry within a month for review. All passengers and crew members died when the Italian plane, flying from Bologna to Palermo, dropped off the radar screens June 27, 1980, and plunged into the sea. The probe completed in November showed an explosion of some kind caused the crash, but it has not been determined whether the blast came from inside or outside the plane.

Italy's Transportation Ministry and Itavia, the private Italian company that owned the airplane, said last year that a missile probably downed the passenger jet over the Mediterranean. Italian newspapers have speculated that a warplane on patrol or on maneuvers accidentally shot down the plane.

Some newspapers suggested that a Libyan missile could have hit the plane or that an Italian projectile from a southern firing range could have accidentally gone off. Lab tests on cushions, baggage clothing and pieces of the plane are continuing in an attempt to determine precisely what caused the blast. If the explosion was caused as a bomb inside the plane, tests on the seats of the plane would probably confirm it. But if the explosion came from a missile, the tests might be inconclusive, the report said.

Determining the precise cause of the crash also depends on what new evidence can be found: either photos taken of the wreck or pieces of the plane from the sea floor.

Two feasibility studies are being conducted to decide whether to hire specialists to explore the sea floor where the plane went down. Preliminary estimates say the exploration would cost 10 billion to 19 billion lire (\$8 million to \$15.2 million) and would take six to 20 months.

Lab tests conducted last year ruled out the possibility that the plane collided with another aircraft or fell apart because of structural weakness.

Soviet official sacked

MOSCOW, March 5 (AFP) — Alexis Shibayev, a member of the Soviet Communist Party central committee, has been removed from his job as president of the Central Council of Unions of the U.S.S.R., it was officially announced Friday.

Shibayev, 67, is to be replaced by Forest Industry Minister Stephan Shalayev, according to reports from the Soviet news agency Tass and Radio Moscow.

Dublin to try IRA bomber

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — Gerard Tuite, a suspected top Irish Republican Army bomber who escaped from a London prison 14 months ago, may face trial in the Irish Republic on charges of bombings in Britain under a unique piece of anti-terrorist legislation, official sources reported Friday.

They said British authorities were expected to seek to take Tuite, 26, to court in the republic under the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976 that allows fugitives to be tried in the Republic for alleged crimes committed on British soil and vice versa.

Tuite, who headed Scotland Yard's most wanted list after an IRA bombing campaign in British cities in 1978, was arrested Thursday by Irish Special Branch agents in Drogheda, 48 kms north of Dublin.

If he is convicted under the 1976 agreement between Britain and the republic it would resolve a long-term legal wrangle between the two countries over guerrilla fugitives that has soured relations between them. It would also signal the end of the virtual immunity from arrest that IRA activists wanted by British authorities have found in the republic for the last 12-15 years.

A police spokesman in Dublin said Tuite was expected to appear in the Irish capital's anti-terrorist special criminal court later on unspecified charges under the republic's offenses against the state act.

Tuite could face a maximum seven-year sentence if convicted of IRA membership. If the 1976 is invoked, he could also face a 20-year term for the alleged bombings in Britain.

In 1976 agreement was designed to circumvent the republic's constitutional ban on extradition for suspects wanted for political crimes.

The almost exclusively Roman Catholic IRA is fighting to reunite Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland with the overwhelmingly Catholic republic to end 60 years of partition. The IRA, whose long-term objective is to topple the Dublin authorities and set up an all-Ireland Socialist state, is outlawed on both sides of the border.

But until recently, courts in the republic refused to extradite IRA fugitives arrested there for crimes allegedly committed on the British mainland or strife-torn Northern Ireland on the grounds the crimes were politically motivated.

However, under the 1976 act, the Dublin authorities, fearful of the Northern Ireland violence spilling over into the republic, have begun to get tough with guerrilla fugitives.

Four convicted IRA men who shot their way out of Belfast's Crumlin Road Prison last June with smuggled handguns were last December jailed for long terms by the no-jury special criminal court for the jailbreak — similar charges to those Tuite is wanted for.

They were the first successful prosecutions under the criminal law jurisdiction acts. British police believe they have enough evidence

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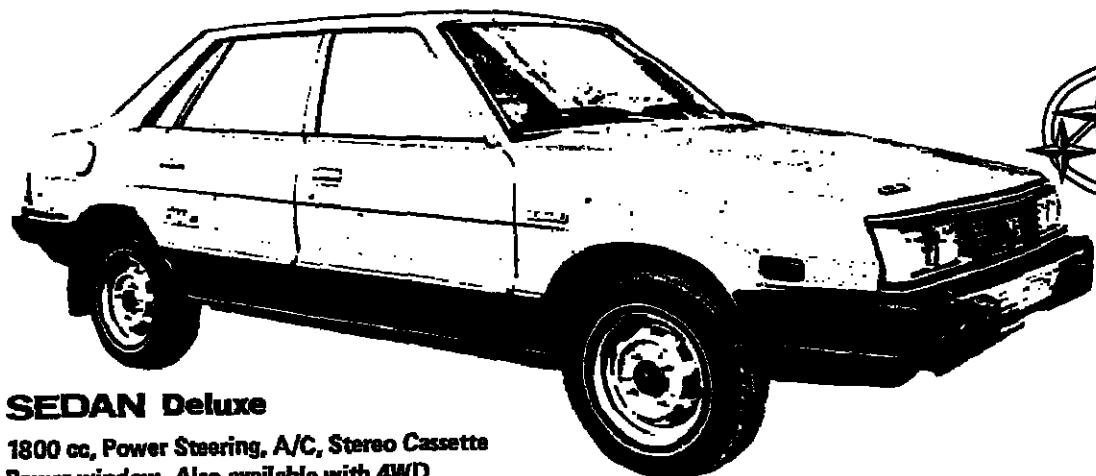
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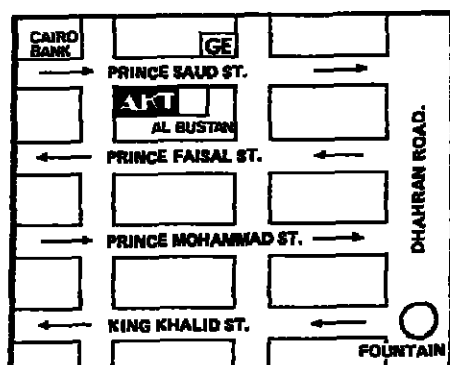
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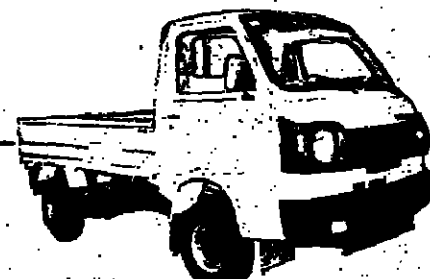
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Haig cites outside help to leftists in Salvador

WASHINGTON, March 5 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig, challenged on his claim that leftist guerrillas in El Salvador are organized externally, said a Nicaraguan soldier was captured Thursday by forces of the U.S.-backed ruling junta.

Haig accused Nicaragua and Cuba of directing the guerrilla war and said he hoped to produce further proof. He did not say where in El Salvador the Nicaraguan was captured nor give a description of him. But he said it was the first time a military man sent into the country by Nicaragua's leftist government had been caught.

"He was a guerrilla," Haig told reporters after giving testimony Thursday to a House of Representatives subcommittee. "He was working with the El Salvador rebels and he admitted it. He was sent there by the Nicaraguan government to assist in the revolution." The Reagan administration has long accused Nicaragua of funneling arms to guerrillas fighting forces of the government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

Haig said U.S. intelligence "confirmed the full scope of Nicaraguan involvement in El Salvador and Cuban involvement in command and control of the operations in El Salvador today."

But his statements did not satisfy subcommittee chairman Clarence Long, a Democrat, who threatened to hold up President Reagan's new Caribbean aid plan until he got more definite proof.

Haig said in an interview published Thursday in *The Los Angeles Times* that Nicaragua was the base for the El Salvador war and warned that a similar situation could develop in neighboring Guatemala, in a matter of weeks or months. He said events could sweep all of Central America into Cuban domination and "put a very fundamental threat on Mexico in the very near future."

Haig's claims were disputed in Washington Thursday by Jaime Wheelock, Nicaragua's agriculture minister and one of its nine-member ruling directorate. He told reporters: "Even if we wanted to, we do not have the material resources to help in El Salvador."

In his testimony Thursday, Haig also accused Nicaragua of destroying Miskito Indian villages near the Honduran border and murdering their inhabitants. He said refugees interviewed in a camp by officials of the U.S. Embassy in Honduras described the entry into their village of "Nicaraguan and Cuban and other Caucasian, non-Spanish-speaking people" who were "to be killed."

He continued: "All of the population was assembled at the church, stripped of their belongings. Those who resisted were shot and murdered on the spot, the village was razed to the ground. All of the livestock, animals and cats and dogs, were destroyed... We have taken photographs of the damage and destruction that has happened to over 16 villages — razed, burned and then plowed over."

More than 100 members of the House of Representatives meanwhile urged President Reagan Thursday to drop his opposition to unconditional negotiations to end the conflict. The appeal in a letter to the president said that escalating crises in El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua were threatening to involve the United States in a major regional conflagration.



LEARNING TO READ: An outdoor class of adults and children learns to read and write at a refugee camp in San Salvador.

Afghan occupation cited

U.S. rejects peace zone call

UNITED NATIONS, March 5 (AP) — The United States, charging that 90,000 Soviet troops were occupying Afghanistan, said Thursday that it could not accept a 1961 U.N. General Assembly resolution declaring the Indian Ocean a zone of peace as the basis for a conference on the Indian Ocean area.

U.S. delegate David Adamson spoke to the U.N. Special Committee on the Indian Ocean only hours after the committee adopted an agenda calling for it to work on issues related to a conference of that kind based on that very resolution. Plans are to hold the conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, by the first half of 1983.

Adamson argued that no zone of peace could be established on the basis of the 1961 resolution because that resolution itself was so drawn as to remove significant inhibitions on the use of Soviet military power in the area.

He did not explain how. But the resolution, entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace," would not seem to bar overland invasion of Afghanistan, a so-called

hinterland state of the Indian Ocean. It says ships and planes "may not use the Indian Ocean" for threat or use of force against countries in the region but does not say anything about attacks from inland.

Adamson said a 90,000-man Soviet Army was "engaged in a brutal occupation of Afghanistan" and 31 Soviet divisions in that country posed a tangible threat to the rest of the Indian Ocean area.

Lev Mendelevich of the Soviet Union accused Adamson of "rudeness and insults" and said the United States did not seem to want to join in practical discussion.

Earlier, he told the committee, in apparent allusion to the United States, that since one country had increased its military presence in the Indian Ocean region, forces in that region should not be frozen at their current level. But he said the Soviet Union was ready to agree to a freeze at levels of 1978. That was the year before Soviet troops went into Afghanistan to defend a Soviet-line government there against nationalist opposition that has persisted.

Hurricane ravages Tonga Islands

WELLINGTON, March 5 (AFP) — The search continued Friday for scores of people missing after hurricane Isaac battered the Tonga Islands. Property damage was said to be almost total in some outlying areas, with food crops hard hit.

A New Zealand Navy frigate, equipped with helicopters and a full emergency hospital, was to leave for the Pacific island kingdom Tonga Friday night, carrying Red Cross emergency blood supplies. New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon said the *Taranaki* would reach the devastated island group by Monday morning.

Damage, of up to "95 percent" was Friday reported in some outlying areas by a New Zealand Air Force reconnaissance flight. The Tongan king, Tausa Abau Tupou IV, said Friday "several dozen people" may have died in the hurricane, which he described as "the worst in the island nation's history." The reconnaissance flight reported that the central Ha-Apai groups outer island were the worst hit by the 90 knot winds.

"They have been badly battered and around 95 percent of buildings have either been destroyed or damaged," Muldoon said.

Up to half the coconut palms have been flattened in some areas, and breadfruit and banana crops have been destroyed. Flood damage was evident.

"Food, temporary shelter and water will be the most pressing need for the group of islands," said the prime minister. *Taranaki* will provide assistance to the outlying, less accessible islands. It is also hoped to send some Andover aircraft and helicopter flights into the Ha-Apai group," he said.

The air check showed 80 percent of the buildings in the capital of Nuku-Alofa had been damaged. A protective sea wall was smashed open and a fishing boat and tug were tossed aground on the reef by raging winds and seas. In the northern Saubau group, 40 percent of the buildings were damaged, although some islands were hit more severely.

The plane crew reported that few of the 170 islands in the Tongan kingdom's three main groups had escaped the ravages of the storm. Reports Friday said the winds, floods and tidal waves which swept the islands had destroyed most food crops. King Tupou IV said his island nation would be dependant on food supplied by the outside world for several months. "We will have to rebuild over a period," said the king, who with his family escaped injury.

BRIEFS

LONDON (R) — Former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe resigned Thursday as British director of Amnesty International in the face of hostility within the human rights organization. Thorpe, 52, submitted his resignation six days before he was due to start in the 14,000-sterling (\$25,000) a year post as head of Amnesty's British section.

BANJUL (R) — Two Gambian soldiers have been sentenced to death for treason for their part in a failed coup attempt here last July, officials said Friday. They said Landing Jatta and Moussa Camara, both members of the country's paramilitary field force, were found guilty on four counts of treason, bringing to 17 the number of persons sentenced to death for involvement in the uprising.

NAIROBI (R) — Cyclones and flooding in Madagascar since the end of last year made 54,000 persons homeless and caused damage estimated at \$250 million, a United Nations report said Friday.

Deadline set for release of 2 terrorists

Carlos threatens France with reprisal

PARIS, March 5 (AP) — The elusive international terrorist known as Carlos has threatened the French government with unspecified reprisals unless it releases two suspected extremists arrested in Paris last month, the Interior Ministry said Friday. Government sources said Carlos had set a one-month deadline.

A ministry spokesman said the threat came in a half-page letter in Spanish delivered to the French Embassy at The Hague on Wednesday, signed Carlos and containing two thumbprints verified by French police as belonging to the terrorist. It was the first real indication in more than seven years that the 32-year-old Venezuelan-born Carlos was even alive.

Despite persistent rumors, including reports last year that he was leading a Libyan assassination squad against top U.S. officials, his last appearance is believed to have been during the spectacular Dec. 21, 1975, hostage taking of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers in Vienna, Austria.

Three persons were killed and eight wounded in the takeover, but after four days of negotiations, Carlos, or someone claiming to be Carlos, and five other commandos were allowed to fly to Algeria, where they apparently were granted asylum and re-entered the underground. The commando leader matched Carlos' description, identified himself by that name and spoke with a Venezuelan accent, but his identity was never verified absolutely.

The Interior Ministry spokesman said the letter demanded the release of Bruno Breguet, 32, of Minusio, Switzerland, and Magdalena Kaupp, 34, of Ulm, West Germany, who were arrested Feb. 16 as they fled from an underground parking lot near the Champs Elysees. Police said their Peugeot 504 car, carrying phony license plates, was loaded with two kilos (4.4 pounds) of explosives, dozens of small propane gas canisters and two tear gas grenades.

The spokesman said the letter demanded that Breguet and Kaupp be given a plane "to fly to a destination of their choice" or Carlos threatened "personally to attack the French government." The French news agency Agence France Presse said the letter also carried a specific threat against Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, but the spokesman could not confirm that report.

Police said Breguet and Kaupp, who were identified as "members of my organization" in the letter, were carrying \$2,000 when arrested, and that Breguet was armed with a 9mm pistol, which misfired when he shot at police who initially suspected the pair of being robbers. Both were charged with attempted murder, falsification of identity papers and possession of illegal explosives and firearms. They have remained silent since their arrest, police said.

Breguet, who was jailed from 1970-1977

in Israel after being convicted of a bombing attempt in Haifa, had lived in Zurich, Switzerland, since his release, apparently enrolled as a student, French police said.

Miss Kaupp is suspected of belonging to West German terrorist groups and has been linked to Johannes Weirich, an alleged member of the extreme leftist Baader-Meinhoff gang, they said.

Carlos' real name, according to Scotland Yard, is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez. He is the son of a leftist Venezuelan lawyer who gave each of his three sons one of the names of Russian revolutionary leader Vladimir Ilich Lenin. Carlos has been described as round-faced, stocky and about 5-foot-10.

The name Carlos first surfaced in London when a man calling himself that claimed responsibility for the Dec. 30, 1973 attack against Joseph Conrad Sieff, a British-born, Israeli businessman. Sieff was wounded when he was shot three times in the face.

Carlos' name was linked either as a par-

ticipant or organizer in the Sept. 3, 1974 takeover of the French Embassy at The Hague, in which the commandos demanded the release of a Japanese Red Army terrorist, with the bombing of a Paris restaurant two days later, in which two persons were killed and 30 wounded, and with bazooka attacks on Jan. 13 and 19 against two Israeli passenger planes at Paris' Orly airport.

On June 27, 1975, a Lebanese informer with Palestine Liberation Organization links led three French counterintelligence agents to a nondescript building in Paris' Latin Quarter to question a suspected terrorist he knew only as Carlos.

The four men entered the apartment and told the man he was under arrest. The suspect appeared to put up no resistance, but as he was putting on his coat, he whirled around firing a revolver, killing two of the agents and the informer and seriously wounding the third agent. He escaped. Five months later, the OPEC ministers in Vienna were taken hostage.

Thatcher's daughter gets radio job

LONDON, March 5 (Agencies) — Carol Thatcher, daughter of Britain's first woman prime minister, got a job Thursday with a commercial radio station and said: "The only Thatcher I am going to speak for is Carol, not mum, dad or Mark." Mark is her twin brother. "If they do anything newsworthy, perhaps I will consider it," she added.

Miss Thatcher, 28, competed with about a dozen other candidates for the post with a London local station, London Broadcasting Co. Ltd. (LBC), as co-presenter of a morning phone-in program. She starts next Monday and will have her own Saturday night show for a six-month trial period, the company said. LBC specializes in news and current affairs.

Two television outfits turned down a job application by Miss Thatcher, but LBC editorial director Ron Onions said his new recruit "comes across as professional and forthright. She has lots of her mum's style and confidence in broadcasting."

Miss Thatcher is a qualified solicitor but preferred journalism. She worked in

Australia for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and as a reporter and interviewer for the Channel 7 broadcasting station there, before returning home last December.

In an unrelated development, the government announced Thursday that the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) will open two new television channels in 1986, using satellite transmission beamed directly to viewers' homes.

One channel will be paid for by subscribers, who will be able to see films, sports and cultural events not available on other channels. Subscription television will be an innovation in Britain. The other channel will relay TV programs from foreign countries, and will be financed, like the BBC's two existing channels, from the annual license fee which all British television owners must pay.

Home Secretary (Interior Minister) William Whitelaw said in his announcement to parliament that commercial TV firms, which now operate one network and are about to launch another, would also be offered a chance to start satellite broadcasts.

U-2 planes to probe mystery cloud

LOS ANGELES, March 5 (AP) — High-altitude U-2 spy planes will probe the stratosphere within a week in an effort to learn the origin of a mysterious cloud covering most of the northern hemisphere, *The Los Angeles Times* reported Thursday.

The newspaper quoted National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials at Langley, Virginia, as saying the cloud, located about 11 miles (17 kms) high, is not visible but apparently contains particles of

dust and debris. "We're wondering a lot about it," said scientist McMaster at NASA's Langley research center. "We have come to no good conclusions as to what the true origin is."

The cloud was detected all over the world between 10 degrees north latitude and 45 degrees south latitude, McMaster said. He estimated the material in the cloud to be about as much as that spewed by the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980.

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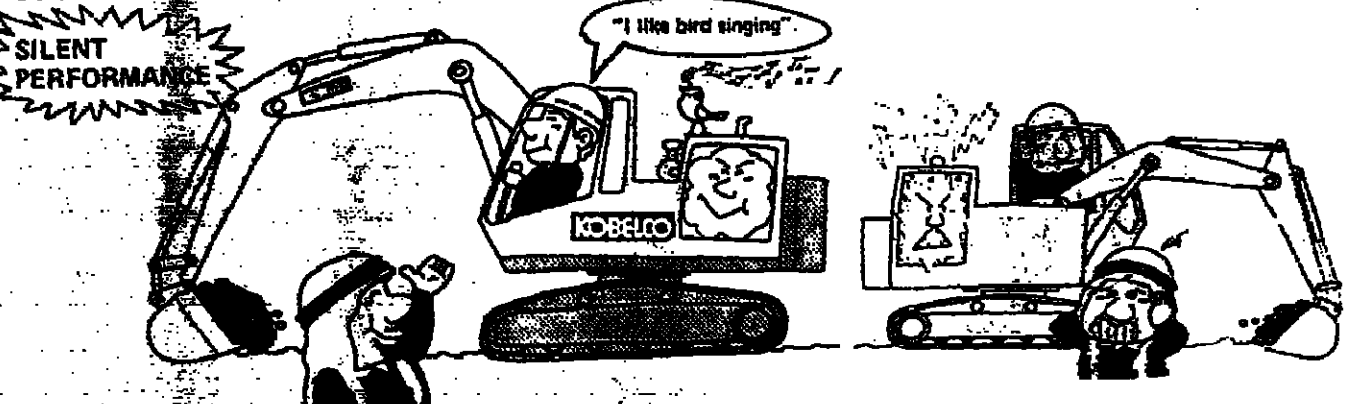
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To bolster global economy

IMF calls for dynamic policies

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) called Thursday night for "bold and determined policies" by the industrial and developing countries alike to restore the health and dynamism of the world economy.

J. de Larosiere said: "There is nothing routine about the present recession. And major adjustments still have to be made throughout the world economy. For those reasons the problems facing us today cannot be removed by the wave of an economic wind."

De Larosiere pledged that the fund will continue to play its part through its lending policies and surveillance in assisting its member countries to devise and carry out appropriate adjustment policies. The fund is an organization of countries that seeks to promote international monetary cooperation and to facilitate the expansion of trade and thus to contribute to increased employment and improved economic conditions in its 141 member countries. The fund provides short-term loans to assist financially troubled countries and to maintain stable international money movements.

De Larosiere said that in the difficult condi-

tions facing the world economy today, "the real efforts obviously have to come from the countries themselves. For the global economy to adjust successfully to the new realities, at least two essential conditions must be fulfilled.

"First, there must be a strong and unwavering political commitment on the part of individual countries to the effective implementation of sound and realistic economic policies. Second governments must be alive to the international effects of their economic policies. Efforts to solve its problems at the expense of its trading partners can lead nowhere."

De Larosiere stressed that "at all costs the liberal international trading and financial system, upon which postwar growth and prosperity have been achieved, must be preserved and built on."

De Larosiere said that, in most countries, inflation is showing signs of easing. But, he said, it remains much too high. The average inflation rate for the industrial countries this year—projected at 8 percent—is still about twice as high as in the decade ending in 1972, he said. The wide dispersion in inflation rates among the major industrial countries persists, he said.

"The industrial world has also suffered a

major setback in economic growth," he said. "Real output rose by less than one and one-half percent in 1980 and 1981—roughly a third of the average growth rate attained over the period 1976-79. There are as yet, no convincing signs of an early recovery and the level of unemployment—which has already reached postwar highs in several industrial countries—is likely to go higher."

Recent developments, de Larosiere said, point to a steep decline in the combined surplus of the oil exporting countries. This, however, is largely matched by a fall in the aggregate deficit of the industrial countries. The external deficit of the developing countries, though now leveling off, remains very high.

"From a peak of more than \$40 billion in 1980 the aggregate current deficit of the industrial countries was probably halved in 1981 and seems set to disappear altogether this year," he said. "But the overall position conceals wide differences among individual countries, in particular, the current account deficits of a number of the smaller industrial countries are expected to remain too high."

De Larosiere's speech was prepared for delivery before the annual meeting of the French-American Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota. The text was released here.

U.S. business flays budget

WASHINGTON, March 5 (R)—Some of President Ronald Reagan's staunchest business allies have joined the growing chorus of protest on Wall Street and in Congress against his 1983 budget and its projected large deficits.

Criticism from the influential Business Roundtable, delivered to the White House Thursday, provided fresh ammunition to congressional budget makers struggling to find ways of bringing the deficits under control.

It came against a background of mounting worries about the economic outlook that took the Dow Jones industrial average down to its lowest since May 12, 1980. The stock market index, closed at 807.55, down 7.61 points, after the heaviest trading since late January and seems set to test the 800 barrier.

In a policy statement adopted Tuesday in

Laker loses free travel privilege

LONDON, March 5 (R)—Sir Freddie Laker, whose cut-rate airline collapsed last month, lost his privilege of free travel on former rival airlines.

British Airways said Thursday that the free rides, a normal courtesy between airlines, would end as his company, Laker Airways, had been grounded. Other airlines were following suit.

Travelers stranded in the United States with worthless Laker tickets complained Wednesday after they had paid to fly home on a British Airways plane in which Sir Freddie was traveling free in a first-class cabin. Sir Freddie is still officially the head of Laker Airways.

Meanwhile, Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) turned down an application from the country's number two airline, British Caledonian, for permission to take over the London to Los Angeles service formerly flown by Laker Airways.

New York, chief executive officers of 196 major U.S. corporations who form the roundtable warned Reagan that deficits projected for 1983, 1984 and 1985 threatened economic recovery.

The business leaders called on Congress to close the deficit gap by reducing Reagan's proposed defense spending increases and by making steeper cuts in social welfare programs than those the president has suggested.

The group reaffirmed support for Reagan's political aims and basic economic program, but expressed concern about the relationship between high deficits and interest rates. "We believe that interest rates and the projected deficits are interrelated and that without a sharp drop in interest rates, no reasonable economic recovery will be witnessed before the fourth quarter," roundtable executive director James Keogh said.

Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the independent central bank, expressed similar concerns when he appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee Thursday. He said that unless Congress reduced the deficits there were risks of aborting the recovery he foresaw beginning later this year.

But at the Senate budget committee the chairman of the president's council of economic advisers, Murray Weidenbaum, insisted that high deficits and high interest rates, now between 16 and 17 percent, had nothing to do with each other.

"Economic literature does not show a close relationship between deficits and interest rates," he said. "I don't think budget reductions are a panacea for our interest rate problems." He conceded that the high deficits would not help economic recovery but said they would not prevent it either.

But even Republicans on the budget committee said they were unwilling to accept the administration's assumptions that the economy could grow rapidly while deficits remained high.

Soviets import more U.S. grain

WASHINGTON, March 5 (R)—The Soviet Union, embarked on a month-old buying spree, has made another big purchase of American grain, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

Private grain exporting companies notified the government of sales of 600,000 tons of corn for shipment to the Soviet Union by the end of September, a spokesman said.

They bring total Soviet purchases to nearly two million tons since the buying started on Feb. 10.

The Soviet Union has bought 12.7 million tons of American grain for shipment in the last year of a long-term grain agreement that expires September 30. In the Chicago grain markets, traders anticipated the sale and predicted Moscow would buy even more grain.

Mexico strikes another oil field

MEXICO CITY, March 5 (AP)—The state petroleum monopoly Pemex announced Thursday that a new and apparently rich oil field has been discovered about 400 miles (643 kms) southeast of here in the state of Tabasco.

A Pemex press release said installation of the first oil rig in the area was completed Wednesday and that experts estimate it will yield 8,000 barrels of lightweight crude oil daily. It said the latest find forms part of an immense oil field that covers some 600 square kilometers.

U.S. stock prices touch new low

NEW YORK, March 5 (R)—Prices fell in heavy trading on the New York stock exchange to their lowest since May 1980 amid growing concern about the economic outlook.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 7.61 points to 807.55 Thursday, while the NYSE index closed down 0.64 at 63.50 points. Volume widened to 74.34 million shares, the heaviest since late January.

The average price per share lost 27 cents. High technology shares were among the biggest losers after data general, a leading microcomputer company, projected lower earnings.

Wall Street analysts said investors were becoming increasingly worried that the U.S. recovery from recession might be later and weaker than expected.



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Eskimos up in arms

Canada gas plan sparks row

GODTHAAB, Greenland, March 5, (R)—One of Canada's boldest attempts to exploit its natural resources has become the center of a controversy between environmentalists and industry.

Denmark and Greenland strongly oppose a \$2.1 billion Canadian (\$1.7 billion) Arctic gas transport plan and are fighting a fierce action to have it quashed.

Local inhabitants of the remoter regions of Canada, Alaska and Greenland are playing a crucial role in an age-old clash between the need to preserve a traditional way of life and the need to develop new resources.

The plan, dubbed the Arctic Pilot Project (APP), threatens the delicate ecological balance on which the Inuit hunter and fisherman of the Arctic area has depended for centuries, according to Danish and Greenland officials in this tiny capital of Greenland's barren southwest coast.

The Inuit are more commonly referred to as Eskimos and make up about 100,000 people, relying heavily on sealing, whaling, fishing and trapping for their livelihood. The APP is designed to produce and liquefy nine million cubic meters (300 million cubic feet) of natural gas daily in the Arctic and move it to eastern Canadian markets in giant ice-breaking ships, according to an APP report made available here.

Partners in the project are Petro-Canada, the national oil and gas company, with a 37.5 percent stake in the APP, Nova, an Alberta firm, with 25 percent, Dome Petroleum with 20 percent and Melville Shipping, 17.5 percent.

First conceived in 1977, the project aims to produce natural gas on Melville Island in northern Arctic Canada, liquefy it, then ship the gas year-round by two mammoth ice-breaking tankers through Lancaster sound, sweeping close to the Greenland coast and heading down the eastern shores of Labrador to a southern terminal, a Danish official said.

At the terminal, the liquefied gas would be transformed back to its gaseous state and fed into a planned gas pipeline to eastern Canadian customers. "If the plan wins approval of Canada's National Energy Board (NEB) and the Ottawa cabinet by the end of this year, first Arctic gas shipments could be expected to arrive in 1986," Mads Christensen, section head at Greenland's Department of Trade, told Reuters. The gas deliveries, spanning a 20-year period from the date of starting up, would be sold to customers in eastern Canada at domestic prices.

Danish officials said both the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC), from which Greenland decided to withdraw in a referendum held recently, have expressed interest in the project.

The project, dubbed "pilot" because it is

still small-scale at this stage, has taken on more importance in the light of the controversy raging over the multi-billion dollar Siberian gas pipeline to Western Europe, the officials said.

The United States has opposed the Siberian pipeline, partly because it feels Western Europe would become too dependent on energy supplies from the Soviet Union.

The largest single expenditure in the pilot project would be for the two ice-breaking tankers, which would cost about \$920 million Canadian (\$754 million) to build, the APP report shows. Canadian shipbuilders would like the contract. But as no shipyard in Canada is capable of building the tankers at the moment, the order would probably go to a Japanese or U.S. yard, an official said.

The gas carriers would be approximately 375 meters long and 40 meters at the beam. They would be double-hulled, have ice-cutting keels and unusually high bows to ride up on top of the ice and crush it.

"These leviathans, with their size, weight and noise, run the risk of scaring away precious gam and fish, breaking up the ice on which hunters and fishermen search after their source of livelihood and upsetting delicate migratory patterns," said Hans-Pavia Rosing. Rosing is resident of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC), which seeks to protect the Inuit culture and environment.

The ICC objects to the super-tankers on the grounds that they would destroy the ecological balance in waters through which the vessels are expected to pass.

But proponents of the scheme say it would create 2,700 new jobs in Canada, secure a vital source of energy and prove a substantial export-earner.

Oil search by Greece irks Turkey

ANKARA, March 5 (R)—Greece has begun exploring for oil in the Aegean Sea beyond Greece's Continental shelf and Turkey has asked for an explanation, a foreign ministry spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman said any oil exploration beyond the Continental shelf violates a 1976 agreement between Turkey and Greece. They agreed not to explore for oil outside their Continental shelves until a formal accord had been reached over delineation of the Aegean.

Ankara will await a reply from Athens before deciding what action to take, the spokesman said. The Greek oil exploration is near the Aegean island of Thassos, he added.

Pan Am to hike services by 15%

NEW YORK, March 5 (R)—Pan American World Airways has said it will increase its scheduled services by 15 percent by adding flights to Europe and Africa and re-entering the Caribbean market.

The airline also said it plans new non-stop services to Pacific points and to Latin America and will add two stops to its round-the-world flights.

From April 25, Pan Am said, it will have new non-stop flights between New York and Hamburg, resume flights between New York and Johannesburg and increase runs on the New York to California route. New services will also be started between Los Angeles and three other destinations—Osaka, Japan, Mexico City, and Santiago, Chile.

Starting April 27, Pan Am will add three new flights a week on the Polar route between Los Angeles and Paris. Services to the Caribbean from New York and Miami will resume April 25 and June 1.

Dollar's value dips by 3.5%

NEW YORK, March 5 (R)—The trade-weighted value of the dollar declined by 3.5 percent in terms of 10 major currencies during the six-month period ending Jan. 31, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has reported.

It blamed the dollar's fall on worries that mounting deficits in the U.S. federal budget could lead the Federal Reserve Board, which sets U.S. monetary policy, to back away from its tight anti-inflation program. But it added in a semi-annual review of treasury and foreign exchange operations that the dollar became firmer from December onwards as U.S. interest rates rose.

The dollar declined by about one percent against sterling, by four percent against the Japanese yen, by 5.5 percent against the West German mark and by 13 percent against the Swiss franc.

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Baldridge says

U.S. trade deficit may jump to \$35b

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — The United States may well face a record foreign trade deficit this year, and trouble lies ahead if current trends continue, U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldridge said.

He noted the trade-barrier problems with Japan, an issue currently being hotly debated in Congress. But he declined to blame all U.S. export-import woes on the Japanese, instead exhorting exporting American companies to become more efficient and to concentrate more on exports.

"Countries like Japan which have reaped the benefits of our hard struggle for free trading rules, must also accept the responsibility they now have to open their markets," he said. But he did not say what might happen if they did not.

Baldridge made his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery to the Foreign Policy

Association in New York city. Baldridge said the United States should continue "insisting on fair competition and equal access to foreign markets." But he also said the nation "must meet the challenge by becoming strong from within."

"If current trends continue, we may lose our position as the world's premier industrial power before the end of the century," he said. "I believe we have to reverse those trends now or the impact on our overall economic strength and our national security will be extremely serious," he said.

In the short term, Baldridge said, the nation "may add as much as \$35 billion more this year" to its foreign trade deficit. That would be a record — surpassing the \$33.8 billion of 1978 — and the seventh yearly deficit in a row.

EEC woes seen to mount

BRUSSELS, March 5 (R) — The European Commission said that uncertain world economic conditions, prompted mainly by current U.S. policies, could wreck an expected recovery in Western Europe this year.

In a gloomy report Thursday to finance ministers of the 10-nation European

Economic Community (EEC), the commission forecast that the common market's jobless total, already at record levels of over 10 million, would rise a further at the rate of 180,000 a month in 1982.

The market's economies would expand by only around 1.5 percent this year compared with earlier estimates of a two percent growth rate, as high borrowing costs stifled investment.

And even this fragile recovery rested on fairly hopeful assumptions for the world economy — particularly an end to the recession in the United States and no new upward movement in interest rates, it said.

If the U.S. emergence from recession combined with a massive budget deficit to produce renewed upward pressure on interest rates, European recovery might be aborted. "The prospect now of a further round of monetary tensions, originating in the U.S. monetary and budgetary policy mix, is having a profoundly unsettling impact," it said.

In another development, French Premier Pierre Mauroy Friday called on Gaston Thorn, president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission, before attending a plenary session of the Commission.

During these discussions France was expected to request a strengthening, or return to, the "community's achievements in the face of the serious crisis the EEC is experiencing," a French source said.

The single entity of the market and community preference for all European products should be the rule, the source said. These principles were "constantly violated" which explained the "fierce competition" in Europe from the United States and Japan at a time when their markets were particularly well protected.

Oil imports dip to 7-year low in U.S.

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — U.S. oil imports have fallen to a seven-year low, a sign of the worldwide oil glut that has led to recent price cutting by petroleum producing nations.

Imports fell to 2.7 million barrels daily in the week ended Feb. 26, down from 3.5 million the previous week and 5.1 million in a similar week a year ago, the American Petroleum Institute reported Wednesday. It was the lowest level of crude-oil imports since the week ended April 11, 1975, according to the industry group.

While putting pressure on oil producers and depressing the stock prices of energy company, the worldwide oversupply of oil has contributed to lower prices for consumers at gasoline pumps.

The average retail price of gasoline in the United States is down about 9 cents over the past year, according to Lunderg Survey Inc., a gasoline marketing research firm.

Meanwhile, Mana Saeed Al-Oteiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates and president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, was quoted as saying OPEC would meet soon to discuss ways of reversing the recent decline in oil prices. Egypt and Britain, neither of them OPEC members, have recently undercut OPEC's oil prices. Analysts say it is unlikely oversupplies of oil will be reduced until industrialized nations recover from recession.

China oil to flow only after 1986

PEKING, March 5 (R) — Oil from China's untapped offshore resources will not come on stream until after 1986, a senior official told the Chinese Parliament Friday.

Qin Wencai, head of the newly formed China National Offshore Oil Company, said exploration and exploitation of the reserves must be speeded up, although he did not say how this would be achieved.

Last month China opened the first round of bidding for the right to exploit the reserves, which some experts believe could be huge.

Dollar rates suffer setback

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — Gold prices plunged to a new two-and-a-half-year low early Friday amid what dealers described as signs of "panic" by some investors. The dollar declined against all major currencies.

Gold opened in London and Zurich at \$337.50 an ounce, an 11-dollar drop in Zurich from Thursday's close, and \$6.75 down in London in busy trading.

Prices recovered a few dollars in later deals, with the metal trading in the \$338.50 to \$340 range on both markets in what some dealers said was a technical reaction to the sharply lower opening.

The prices were the lowest since Sept. 13, 1979, when the precious metal cost \$ 333.87 in London.

A London bullion dealer who did not want to be identified said some investors were "obviously panicking." Dealers ascribed the latest downturn in bullion prices to Soviet gold sales to pay for food imports. There were also reports of some Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries selling off bullion stocks because of lower oil prices.

Some London analysts expressed little faith in the mid-morning technical rally, saying the pressure of Soviet and OPEC sales was likely to continue. Silver, which followed gold down, was traded in London at \$7.41 an ounce after closing at \$7.505 Thursday.

Bullion was trading Friday around \$20 an ounce below prices at the start of the week.

London's five main bullion houses set the "fixing" at \$340 an ounce. Earlier, gold

closed in Hong Kong at \$342.19 an ounce, down \$11.73 Thursday.

The dollar, depressed by U.S. and Eurodollar interest rates, declined generally.

In London, the dollar shed a cent against the British pound, which cost \$1.8375 in early trading compared with \$1.8272 at the close Thursday. In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar closed at 234.45 yen, down 1.45 yen from Thursday. The U.S. currency finished the week 0.75 yen down from last Friday's 235.20.

Meanwhile, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was seen on television attending a special women's day performance of the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow Friday, cutting short rumors in the West that he had died. The rumors had triggered a recovery in the gold price in London.

Dollar rates against other key currencies compared with late rates Thursday: 2,3504 West German marks, down from 2,385, 1.8607 Swiss francs, down from 1,8883, 6,0205 French francs, down from 6,0825, 2,5865 Dutch guilders, down from 2,5960, 1,27150 Italian lire, down from 1,275.15, 1,2147 Canadian dollars, down from 1,2212.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars) per ounce Friday:

London	342.25
Paris	339.31
Frankfurt	342.02
Zurich	341.50
Hong Kong	342.19

U.S. stand threatens sea talks

UNITED NATIONS, March 5 (R) — The United States is expected to run into stiff opposition from the Third World next week after proposing major changes in a nearly completed treaty regulating exploitation of the world's oceans.

After an 11-month review by the Reagan administration, the U.N. law of the sea conference will resume Monday to hear a U.S. demand for substantive revisions in a section of the draft convention dealing with deep seabed mining.

The eight-week U.N. session was intended as the final round of the conference, in which more than 150 countries have been working for the past eight years on rules covering

navigation, fishing, pollution control and other marine activities.

Third World countries fear that radical changes in the 175-page draft could disrupt the carefully drafted treaty and dash hopes of a signing ceremony later this year. There is also speculation that the U.S. may in the end balk at subscribing to the convention if it feels its concerns are not met. This would undermine the treaty's effectiveness.

Washington's strong reservations concerning ocean mining for precious mineral resources could involve a head-on clash with the "Group of 77" developing nations, now swollen to include more than 120 governments in the Third World.

Third World urges fund to fight inflation

BEIRUT, March 5 (R) — Experts from developing nations unanimously backed an Iraqi proposal calling for a world fund to help Third World countries face inflation, the official Iraqi news agency reported.

The experts from the so-called "Group of 77," representing more than 100 developing countries, approved Thursday the proposal at the end of a series of meetings in Baghdad over the past four days, the agency said.

The group agreed to refer a redrafted Iraqi working paper to a meeting of the international coordination committee for economic cooperation among developing states in Manila in August, it added.

Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling revolutionary command council, told the experts Monday that certain industrialized countries, notably the United States, were seeking to obstruct the establishment of a just economic system. Dr. Abdel-Emir Al-Anbary, chairman of the Iraqi fund for external development, told Reuters the original plan, announced four years ago, urged oil-exporting and industrialized countries to contribute to the fund.

Poland granted another reprieve

FRANKFURT, March 5 (R) — Poland won another reprieve from a group of international banks after telling them it should be able to make past due interest payments estimated at \$50 to 75 million by the end of the month.

A spokesman for West Germany's Dresdner Bank said a task force of 20 banks, representing Poland's commercial debtors, agreed at a meeting Thursday to give Warsaw until the end of March to make the final interest payments that were due last year.

He said the banks now hoped to be able to sign an agreement in early April to reschedule around \$2.4 billion of principal that was to have been paid by Poland in 1981.

The banks, which have lent Poland about \$16 billion, held the meeting here after receiving a telex message from the Polish Finance Ministry and Poland's bank for foreign trade, Handlowy, that they had failed to live up to a self-imposed deadline of mid-February to repay the 1981 interest.

BRIEFS

SEOUL, (AFP) — South Korea will halve its imports of crude oil from Kuwait from the present 100,000 barrels a day, beginning next month, in view of the continuing decline in domestic oil consumption, it was reported here Friday. Kuwait is said to have agreed to conclude a new contract providing for a daily supply of 50,000 barrels starting April 1 at a unit price of \$32.3 per barrel.

MADRID, (R) — Flights of the Spanish national airline Iberia returned to normal Friday after flight engineers called off a strike over wage claims, a company spokesman said. The strike forced the cancellation of more than 20 flights Thursday. The engineers resumed work after the management agreed to negotiations.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Thursday a credit of \$27 million to Bangladesh for agricultural support prices. The IDA also approved a \$5.7 million credit to help Mauritania improve its education system.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	281.00
Canadian Dollar	125.00	144.65	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	122.25	131.90	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	8.44	3.85	—
Egyptian Pound	93.80	93.20	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	56.75	56.55	—
French Franc (100)	55.90	55.90	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.95	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	27.00	26.80	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	14.50	14.50	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.92	9.85	—
Jordanian Dinar	12.06	12.03	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	71.35	71.10	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.75	60.50	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	31.45	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	41.60	—
Philippines Peso (100)	6.30	6.25	—
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.10	—
Qatari Rial (100)	—	162.05	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	33.15	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	182.75	182.45	—
Swiss Franc (100)	58.00	63.50	—
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

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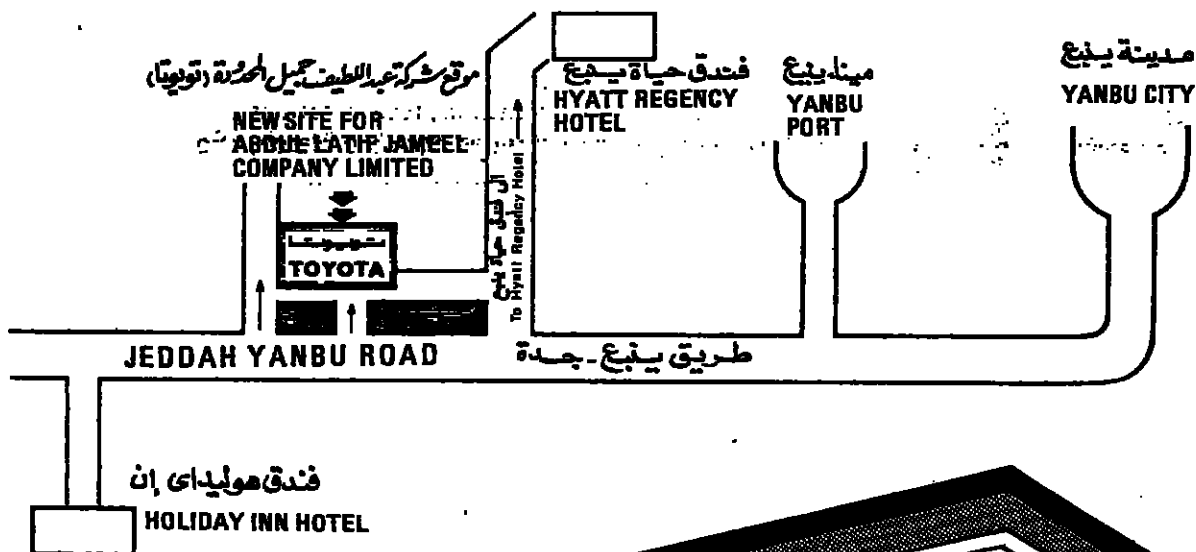
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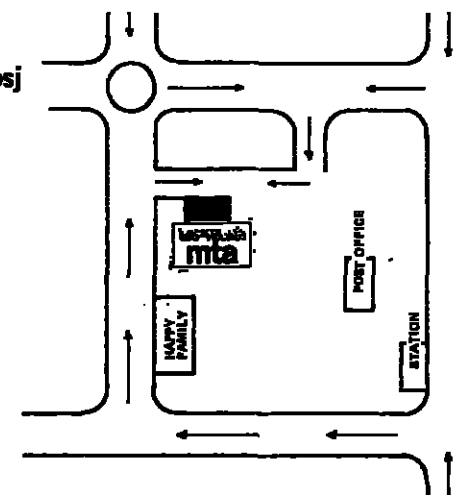
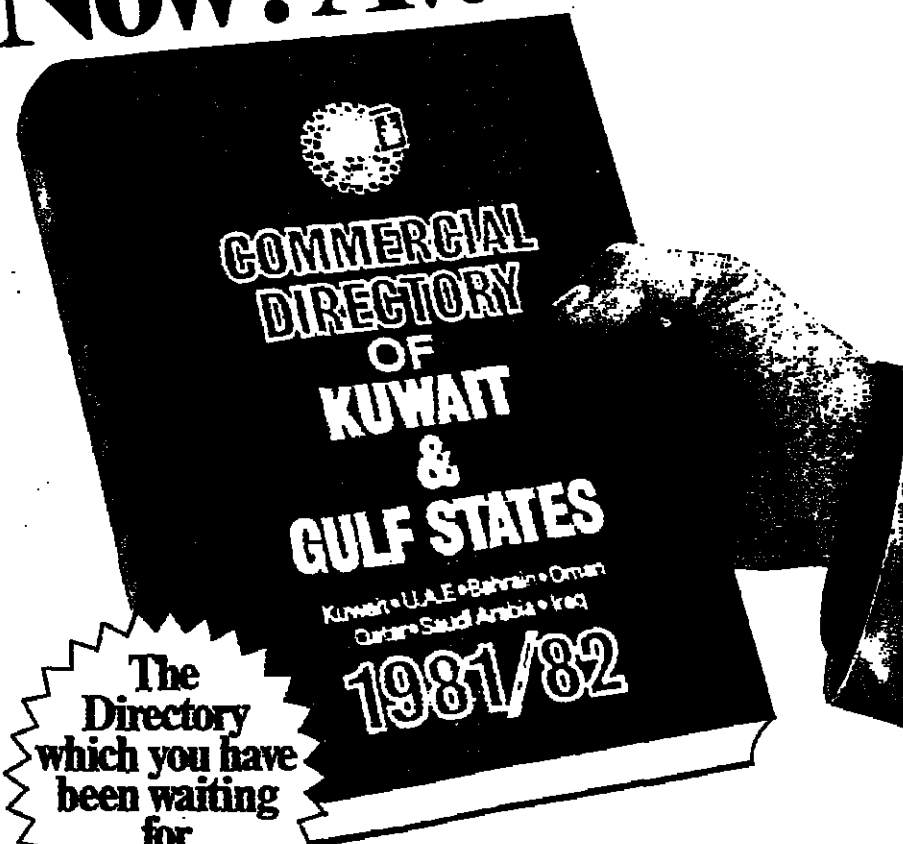


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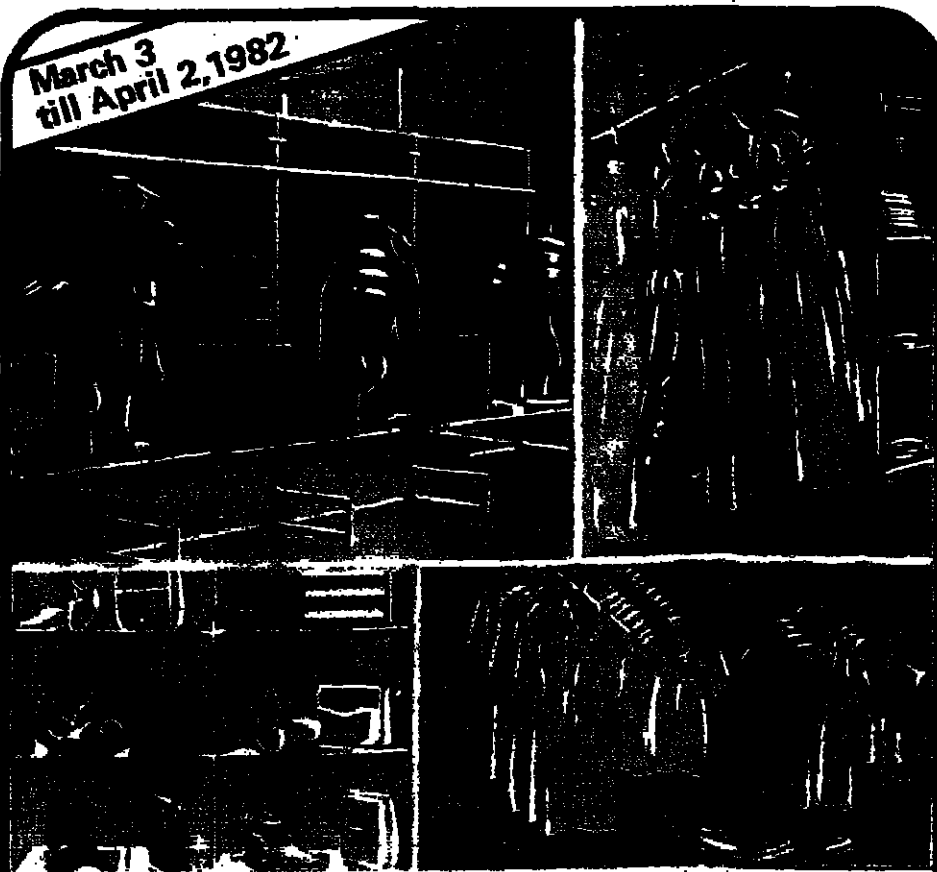


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Parish, Carr sparkle in Boston's victory

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — The Boston Celtics don't have all the cards in their deck, but they usually manage to come up with more aces than the other team.

Coach Bill Fitch, forged to put a lineup on the floor without injured All-Stars Larry Bird and Nate Archibald, got key performances from regular center Robert Parish and reserve guard M.L. Carr to beat the San Antonio Spurs 110-101 in a National Basketball Association game pairing Division leaders Thursday night. It was Boston's fourth straight victory and second in a row with both Bird and Archibald missing from the lineup.

"It's not easy playing without Larry and 'Tiny,'" said Fitch. "Everybody's been picking up a little extra...the subs on the bench are doing a lot more."

"A good reason they are the world champions is they've got the best depth in the league," said San Antonio coach Stan Albeck.

In other NBA games, Houston beat Utah 128-124. New York outlasted Los Angeles 129-119 in overtime. Detroit crushed Chicago 122-97 and Golden State trimmed 104-98.

French scored 26 points to lead the Celtics, while Carr hit 10 of 15 shots from the field and scored a season-high 22 points. And Fitch also was happy with Carr's defense, even though the man he guarded, George "Icecream" Gervin, scored 48 points. "I went right after George offensively, hoping to put some pressure on him," Carr said.

"When there were four seconds left I told

him I'm glad there's only one George Gervin in the league," Carr added. "He was out of breath, and he told me he's glad there's only one M.L. Carr."

Knicks 129, Lakers 119: New York scored the last 12 points in overtime, six by Reggie Acaer, to beat Los Angeles. The Knicks had seven players in double figures, led by Michael Ray Richardson with 28, Maurice Lucas with 23 and Bill Cartwright with 20. That offset the 39 points scored by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 25 by Jamal Wilkes and 20 by Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Except for a 90-90 tie, the Lakers were behind the entire second-half until Wilkes hit a basket at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Rockets 128, Jazz 124: Moses Malone scored 34 points and Elvin Hayes had 31 as Houston handed Utah its fifth straight loss. The Utah tried to regain lost first-half ground in the second but could manage to come only four points within its rivals' tally.

Warriors 104, Mavericks 98: Forward Bernard King carried a high scoring load for the Golden State for the first three quarters, and Purvis Short exploded for 18 points in the decisive final period leading the Warriors to a close victory over the Mavericks. The Warriors came into their own in the second session to leave the Mavericks behind.

Pistons 122, Bulls 97: Hot scoring by Terry Tyler, combined with the rebounding of Bill Laimbeer, ignited the spark that enabled the Detroit Pistons to crush the Chicago Bulls 122-97. The Pistons took command in the first quarter and stayed ahead for good after outscoring the Bulls in the second period.

European Indoor Championships

Soviets start favorites

MILAN, Italy, March 5 (R) — West German middle-distance runner Thomas Wessinghage is among a handful of athletes with a realistic chance of disturbing the anticipated Soviet-East German domination of the European indoor championships here this weekend.

Wessinghage is ready to cash in on the absence of British Olympic champions Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett and collect the 1,500 meters crown for a third successive year. He also took the gold medal in 1975.

Although the highly-rated Spaniard Jose Gonzalez may upset Wessinghage, the West German has at least escaped the major Eastern bloc challenge which is being mounted for many of the other titles.

Wessinghage's compatriot Erwin Skamrah, who reduced the world indoor best time for 200 meters to 20.99 second in Dortmund last month, starts favorite to win the one-lap race provided Marian Woronin of Poland decides against competing. Woronin is among the provisional entries for the 200

meters but could well opt for the 60 meters which he has won for the last three years.

Soviet veterans Valeri Abramov and Alexander Fedotkin will probably dominate the 3,000 meters, while compatriots Yuri Chervanov and Alexander Puchkov could also stage a one-two triumph in the 60 meters hurdles.

Chervanov is joint holder of the world best mark of 7.54 seconds with compatriot Andrei Prokofyev and Puchkov has clocked the second fastest time in the world this year.

American Billy Olson's week-old world best pole vault jump of 5.74 meters may be broken in a three-way struggle which promises to be the highlight of the championships. The top trio challenging for the title are Olympic champion Wladislaw Koziekiewicz of Poland, former indoor No. 1 Konstantin Volkov of the Soviet Union and Frenchman Jean-Michel Bellot, a formidable stand-in for his compatriot and former world record holder Thierry Vigneron.

League leaders suffer losses

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 5 — The sixth week in the Jeddah Bridge League witnessed two major setbacks. Leaders in both the leagues lost their unbeaten record with French Rose and Saudia Blues going down to their respective opponents rather tamely.

In the 'A' league clash, Irregulars produced the upset with a 14-6 margin victory over French Rose. The result also pushed French Rose to the second spot and lifted Irregulars to the top. While Saudia Blues, missing a regular pair of players came a cropper against lowly Sharbatli 12-8 in the 'B' league.

In the other 'A' league games, Dunes-2 recorded a 14-6 win over British Steel, KAJA

White scored a 12-8 verdict over Gray Mackenzie and one-time bottom of the league IAL created another surprise with a 18-2 victory over Pak 4 Green. With some key matches still to be gone through between the top four teams in the league the race for the league honors looks close.

In the 'B' league Dunes-1 recorded a sweeping 19-1 triumph over CFB, Sangmed suffered its second defeat 7-13 at the hands of Mobil and ADS lost its fifth consecutive match at 2-18 against Pak 4 White. With three league leaders already having clashed the winner will most likely to be decided on victory points.

Next week's matches include a key game between Irregulars and Dunes-2, evenly-balanced teams both with chances of taking the 'A' league pennant.

How they stand

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5	2	3	51	4	5	2	3	52	6
5	2	3	39	4	5	2	3	40	4
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Buster Mottram... springs a surprise

Andrea Jaeger pulls out of Avon tourney

LOS ANGELES, California, March 5 (AP) — Billie Jean King continued to advance in the \$150,000 Avon Champions of Los Angeles Thursday night downing Leigh Ann Thompson 6-1, 7-5 to move into the quarterfinals.

The former Wimbledon champion, unseeded here, had upset fourth-seeded Bettina Bunge earlier to advance into the second round. One of the two seeds to make exit was second-seeded Andrea Jaeger, who was forced to quit with a pulled muscle to leave her talented opponent Leslie Allen to qualify for the quarterfinals.

King, playing an inspired tennis both in the backcourt and at the net, breezed through the first set over Thompson. But she then had to rally to make up the 0-3 deficit before prevailing in the extended set.

Andrea Jaeger also became the second seed to withdraw from the tournament. Top-seeded Tracy Austin pulled out at the offset of the tournament with second and third degrees burns. Jaeger, who had suffered the injury while playing in the doubles encounter, attempted to play but said that her lateral movement was severely restricted and had to withdraw.

Epple sisters steal the show

WATERVILLE VALLEY, New Hampshire, March 5 (R) — West German sisters Irene and Maria Epple finished first and second in a World Ski Cup giant slalom here Thursday.

The win took 24-year-old Irene Epple to within three points of overall World Cup leader Erika Hess of Switzerland, who was fourth.

Irene, who led after the first run, was 13 hundredths of a second slower than her 22-year-old sister Maria on the second run. But her lead held good as she skied the 46-gate, 970-meter course in a total time of two minutes 11.85 seconds, with runs of 66.85 and 65.70 seconds. Maria Epple was clocked in 66.54 and 65.57 for a combined time of 2:12.11.

"This course was very straight and fast, which is what I like," Irene said.

Asiad complex may turn out to be a 'white elephant'

NEW DELHI, March 5 (Depthnews) — The mascot for the 9th Asian Games or Asiad-82 scheduled here in November 1982 is a prancing baby elephant. Before the authorities chose to name it "Appu," someone suggested that it should be called the "white elephant."

For Asiad-82 is indeed going to be the most expensive sporting event in India's history. New Delhi, which is hosting the Olympic among Asian nations, is spending about \$1,000 million to construct stadiums, a huge swimming pool, hotels, flyovers and a host of related projects.

An Asian Games Village complex, consisting of residential blocks, restaurants, disco halls, shopping centers and parks and gardens is coming up in the southern part of Delhi to accommodate and entertain an estimated 5,000 athletes and delegates.

A unique feature of the village is a special security fence being put up to forestall any terrorist attack and prevent the repetition of the Munich Olympic tragedy.

But many in India feel that the project is a luxury India can ill afford. Rising prices of food and essential commodities, draining of foreign exchange reserves to import expensive oil and petroleum products and a huge trade deficit provide a bleak backdrop to the glamorous event that Asiad-82 is going to be.

Mottram rallies to down Panatta

ROME March 5 (Agencies) — Buster Mottram swept past Italian veteran Adriano Panatta 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 Friday to give Britain a 1-0 lead in Davis Cup Tennis Competition.

Mottram wasted two set points in the first set and allowed the Italian favorite to come back to win 7-5. He watched bewildered as Panatta saved three more set points in the second. But finally the tall Englishman shovelled up a drop-shot to end the set 7-5.

In the first two sets both players were tight and tentative, more inclined to dink and lob than to hit through. The result was a rash of service breaks. But in the third set both men moved more easily and remained even until Mottram broke Panatta for a 5-3 lead.

Then during a brief cloudburst Mottram held serve to win 6-3. By the time the players returned to court for the fourth set, the sky was low and threatening and a cold wind slapped the national flags noisily, annoying Panatta who dropped his service twice to trail 1-4.

Urged on by the crowd, Panatta played aggressively and regained one service break. But then, after a few shaky points, Mottram served out the set 6-4 and gave Britain a surprise 1-0 lead over Italy. Corrado Barazzutti of Italy was scheduled to play Richard Lewis of Britain in the second singles match Friday afternoon.

The United States, headed by top-ranked John McEnroe, opens defense of its Davis Cup title Friday against India in a best 3-of-5 series at La Costa Hotel and Spain in Carlsbad, California.

McEnroe, defending Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, drew India's top players, Vijay Amritraj, in the opening match. U.S. captain Arthur Ashe said "It was the perfect

draw for us in that you have your best player playing the first match and the last match."

In the other singles match, Elliot Teltscher, No. 7 in the world, makes his Davis Cup debut against 20-year-old Ramesh Krishnan, a veteran of four Davis Cup teams. The Americans, in quest of their fourth Davis Cup title in five years, defeated Argentina for the championship in December.

On Saturday, McEnroe and Peter Fleming, regarded as the world's top doubles team, meet Amritraj and his brother Anand. McEnroe, 18-3 in Davis Cup singles competition and 6-0 in doubles play, helped the U.S. overcome tenacious Mexico here a year ago in first round play.

With Mexico leading 2-1 behind the play of veteran Raul Ramirez, the U.S. got needed singles victories from Roscoe Tanner and McEnroe to seal the outcome. India is considered stronger than the Mexican team of a year ago. McEnroe holds a 5-1 lifetime advantage over Vijay Amritraj, but Amritraj, currently ranked 24th, won their last meeting in Montreal last July.

"Vijay has a history of upsetting players," said Ashe. "And this is his second favorite surface, next to grass, so we're not taking anything for granted."

Guillermo Vilas and Yannick Noah, the best players in the Argentine and French teams will meet in the first match at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis club. Later, Ricardo Cano of Argentina will play Thierry Tulasne of France. Saturday's match is expected to be Vilas and Cano take on Noah and Pascal Portes.

Seventh-year-old Francisco Maciel will face veteran Mark Edmondson in Friday's first singles match of the Australia-Mexico Davis Cup series at the Chapultepec Sports Club,

Mexico. In the second match, according to the draw, Mexico's tennis ace Raul Ramirez will go against Peter McNamara, considered Australia's strongest player.

Romanian tennis star Ilie Nastase was in characteristically temperamental mood when he prepared for his country's Davis Cup championship division clash against Chile in Santiago. Veteran Nastase grew angry when some of his strokes did not come off during a training session. On one occasion, Nastase threw his racket on the ground and stamped on it, prompting the local press to rebuke him for unsporting behaviour. Romania's greater experience makes them slight favorites in its first Davis Cup meeting with Chile.

The focus of attention in the tie between Czechoslovakia and West Germany in Prague will be the second match in which ROLF Gehring plays young Czechoslovak star Ivan Lendl. Lendl faces a clash which will determine whether the Germans have any chance of causing an upset having won 49 out of 50 matches since losing in the U.S. Open last September.

On the slow surface in Prague his powerful baseline game should be almost indestructible but Jan Kukal, Czechoslovakia's new coach, is not underestimating the Germans, particularly Gertrud. "He is capable of defeating anybody," Kukal said.

An injury to New Zealand No. 1 Chris Lewis has raised Spain's hopes of winning its tie in Christchurch. The Spaniards, brought up on clay courts, need all the help they can muster with the match being played on grass. Lewis, a former junior Wimbledon champion, has been named as New Zealand's lead singles player but is still being treated for a sprained ankle suffered in training earlier in the week.

Furore unabated

TCCB defers action on 'Dirty Dozen'

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — The Test and County Cricket Board, which administers the first class game in England, decided Friday to consult all 17 County championship clubs before deciding on action against the 12 cricketers unofficially touring South Africa.

The executive board of the ruling body failed to agree at a meeting at Lord's Cricket ground. One of the 17 clubs, Northamptonshire, has proposed that all 12 players on the wildcat tour have their registrations withdrawn. That would make them ineligible to play any cricket in this country.

The tour, arranged without the approval of cricket authorities, has stirred fierce political rows in Britain. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said in the House of Commons the tour is a breach of the Gleneagles Agreement, under which (Britain) and other Commonwealth countries pledged to discourage sports links with South Africa because of its racial policies. But she was criticized for not making a stronger condemnation of the players involved.

Peter Lush, chairman of the board, said: "There is certainly a possibility that the players will be banned from Test matches. The whole question of sanctions is bound to be looked at. Our brief, as always, is to do what is right for the game, within the law. We are in touch with all the boards overseas and are conscious of all the feelings on the matter."

There are fears that the tour will disrupt cricket relations between England and some of the teams that regularly play here, particularly the West Indies, India and Pakistan. While the board failed to reach agreement,

Lush expressed the board's "deep disappointment" on the players who had acted against official policy. The full Test and County Cricket Board is set to meet March 19.

Meanwhile in Johannesburg, the organizers of the English cricket tour through South Africa were reported Thursday to be having trouble signing up a 13th player to round out the team.

Martin Locke, a television personality who helped arrange the tour, confirmed that the search for a 13th and possibly 14th player was in trouble. "We are experiencing problems contacting the players and things are getting desperate," Locke was quoted as saying. The tour, the first international here in 12 years, has been condemned elsewhere but hailed as a breakthrough here.

Rashid, Naqash in fine stand

KARACHI, March 5 (AP) — Pakistan's young and inexperienced cricket team, with four debutants at a time, managed to collect 240 for eight on the opening day of the first ever official Test against Sri Lanka here Friday.

The credit goes to Test discard Haroon Rashid and Tahir Naqash who put up a 104 runs for the seventh-wickets to pull their side out of crisis, and give respectability to the total.

At stumps the hosts were 240 for eight with Haroon surviving a chance at 34, still at the

crease for a well earned 66 that included eight fours and a mighty six. Tahir, who scored 57, powered with nine hits to the fence and a towering six.

Pakistan won the toss and elected to bat, but Sri Lanka bowlers did not allow the Pakistani batsmen at ease and send back top four batsmen in dressing room only for 72 runs on board. At lunch Pakistan were 88 for four.

Pakistan were struggling at 126 for the loss of six wickets and looked doomed for a paltry total. But the seventh-wicket productive association saved the day for Pakistan.

remained over the ages as the basic structure of an Indian village.

In fact, the village complex is being built on the site and ruins of a once-famous bustling city which was the center of a 13th century Indian kingdom. At the center is a tower-rear with a viewing gallery.

While all this looks impressive, criticism is mounting about the nature of work being undertaken. Thus, the \$ 12 million indoor swimming pool at Talkatora Garden has become a subject of controversy. It was originally planned as an air-conditioned covered pool, and pillars were built according to the plan.

But later some foreign experts who visited the project doubted whether the pillars could support the roof. Since modification of the plan would take time, the original idea of a covered pool had to be given up but not after the authorities had already spent quite a tidy sum for its construction.

Vijay Kumar Malhotra, chief of the Asian Games Organizing Committee during the Janata regime, believes the government could have saved a lot of money if it decided on modest, functional stadiums instead of the proposed luxurious ones.

Also, M.S. Oberoi, a famous hotelier who runs a chain of hotels in Australia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Indonesia,

feels that most of these hotels under construction would not be ready for occupancy in 1982. Besides, says Oberoi, there is already an excess in the hotel capacity in Delhi. Many other hoteliers share his fears that the new hotels would remain empty most of the time after the Asiad.

At the same time, there is a growing fear that in the present inflationary atmosphere, the government might impose higher taxes to meet the Asiad-82's increasing expenses. In such a situation, "Appu," the Asiad mascot, might well turn into a wild "white elephant" crushing the Indians under its feet.

It will be 31 years since the first Games was staged here in 1951 where the event began. Now, 35 countries of Asia will vie for honors in 21 events which is probably the largest in Asian Games.

The Games often referred to as "Asia's own Mini-Olympics" will enable Delhi's candidature for the Olympics in 1992 for which a bid was made at the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at Baden-Baden in West Germany in September 1981.

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'n English Soccer Cup

Chelsea takes on Spurs at home

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — Whatever happens in the quarterfinals of the English soccer cup this Saturday, at least two Second Division teams will be in the last four.

And it will be three if Chelsea, conqueror of Liverpool in the last round, can rise to the occasion again and pull off another giant-killing act against Tottenham Hotspur, the defending holder of the Cup.

The luck of the draw, plus the usual crop of upset results, has thinned out the First Division teams more than usual in the Cup this year. Only one — the winner of the West Bromwich vs. Coventry clash — is certain to make the semifinals. Chelsea has ground advantage over Tottenham.

The other two games are all-Second Division affairs — Leicester vs. Shrewsbury and

Queen's Park Rangers vs. Crystal Palace. Colin Lee and Peter Rhoades-Brown scored a goal each in Chelsea's famous 2-0 win over Liverpool two weeks ago. Chelsea fans will be hoping to see them on the target again. But the real issue is whether Chelsea, a moderate second Division side on the season's record, can hold Ozzie Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle and Garth Crooks.

Cynille Regis, third top scorer in the First Division this season, could hold the ace card for West Bromwich against Coventry. This is a clash of local rivals. The club's are less than an hour's drive apart, and Coventry will have its share of support in the crowd. Coventry will be trying to reach the semifinals for the first time in its history.

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Faced with financial crisis

El Salvador trims World Cup squad

SAN SALVADOR, March 5 (Agencies) — El Salvador, faced with a financial crisis, has reduced its squad for the World Cup Soccer to 18, a team official said Friday.

El Salvador took 32 players to the CONCACAF playoffs in Honduras last year when they and the host nation qualified for Spain. Shortly afterwards the squad was trimmed to 24 and now a further reduction has been made.

Under World Cup rules, countries must nominate a squad of up to 40 by May 9 and reduce this to a maximum of 22 on June 4. The finals start on June 13. El Salvador have been drawn in Group Three with Argentina, Belgium and Hungary.

French dilemma

Meanwhile, the June 11 warm-up soccer match between the French World Cup squad and a local Spanish team appeared to be off, a French Soccer official said in Paris.

The French national team had been scheduled to meet Real Sociedad on that date in an exhibition consisting of three 30-minute sections. No international-caliber players could participate for the Spanish team.

But Fernand Sastre of the French Football

ederation said the International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) told him during a recent trip to Madrid that the proposed contest violated FIFA rules against any national team playing a game on Spanish soil

within a month of the World-Cup — to be played in Spain later in June.

Sastre said FIFA officials told him the proposed June 11 match constituted a game, despite being broken into three 30-minute

Beckenbauer's hopes dashed

HAMBURG, West Germany, March 5 (R) — Veteran soccer star Franz Beckenbauer Friday asked his club Hamburg not to select him as a regular player because of injury.

Beckenbauer's decision almost certainly dashes his slim hopes of winning a place in the West German squad for the World Cup finals in Spain this summer.

The 36-year-old sweeper was substituted during Hamburg's UEFA (European Football Union) Cup tie against Xamax Neuchatel of Switzerland last night, suffering from breathing trouble.

He said Friday he had a rib injury and had asked Hamburg trainer Ernst Happel to "no longer to select me as a regular player for the team."

Uribe to use Spain as springboard to fame

LIMA, March 5, (R) — Julio Cesar Uribe, the "Black Diamond" of Peruvian football, wants to do more than sparkle at the World Cup finals. He intends to outshine the rest.

An international soccer magazine recently judged the 24-year-old forward the third best player in the world, after Argentina's Diego Maradona and Zico of Brazil.

Uribe, who may be out of the country planning to rest on his laurels, said "The World Cup will show who is the best and there's no reason why it shouldn't be me."

"Maradona, Zico, Remy — all these players have great reputations. But they've got to prove their class in Spain, where it counts." Uribe has the smooth, good looks of a film actor and the physique of a boxer — a profession which once tempted him. — But his natural stage is a soccer pitch. A player of perfect poise and dizzy acceleration, Uribe can wrong-foot defenders in one slick movement.

He packs a powerful shot in both feet and possesses ball skills which would earn him a job in a circus. As a boy, he appeared on television juggling a ball more than 1,000 times with his feet and performing 2,000 consecutive headers.

But Uribe knows his skills must be directed toward winning matches rather than just pleasing crowds. "My job is to score goals and my aim is to create constant danger," he said. A natural dribbler, he is at his best collecting the ball in midfield and running at the defense. Pushed up front, with his back to the opposing goal, he lacks space to display his talents and becomes vulnerable to bruising challenges.

His main failing, according to critics, is his inclination to try to beat one man too many or to go it alone when a colleague is unmarked. Uribe accepts the criticism but says his individualism has been curbed by playing with established stars in the Peruvian national

London clash between Queens Park Rangers and Crystal Palace. Tony Currie, former England midfielder star, has been an inspiration to Rangers recently and made the opening for the winning goal against Norwich in the league last week.

Leicester has conceded only eight goals at home this season, and the home team's strong defense could be too much for Shrewsbury to cope with. In the First Division of the league, Southampton must travel to Nottingham in the bid to keep its four-points lead over Swansea in the title race. Kevin Keegan and his men have managed only three away wins this season, but Southampton must be favored to win this one. Swansea is at home to Stoke City.

sections instead of the regulation two, 45-minute halves. French soccer officials said they had received no formal notification of the FIFA decision and expressed hope the exhibition could still be played.

Brazil criticized

In Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, leading newspapers sharply criticized the Brazilian international soccer team Thursday following its 1-1 tie Wednesday night with Czechoslovakia in a pre-World Cup exhibition match.

Brazil plays badly and leaves field as fans boo," said the main headline in the sports section of *Jornal Do Brasil*. "Brazil ties in a night of booing," said *O Globo*.

Jornal Do Brasil said the only good thing about the game was the gate receipts, a national record of 563,000 from 107,060 paying fans. "The rest was a terrible performance by the Brazilian team, which even after taking a 1-0 lead was harshly booed by the fans, who started cheering for the Czechs."

Kuwait held

Kuwait's national team drew a goalless draw Thursday in a pre-World Cup warm-up game with Czechoslovakia's powerful Spartak Prague, at home. The game was one of a series planned before Kuwait and Czechoslovakia go to Spain for the championship matches.

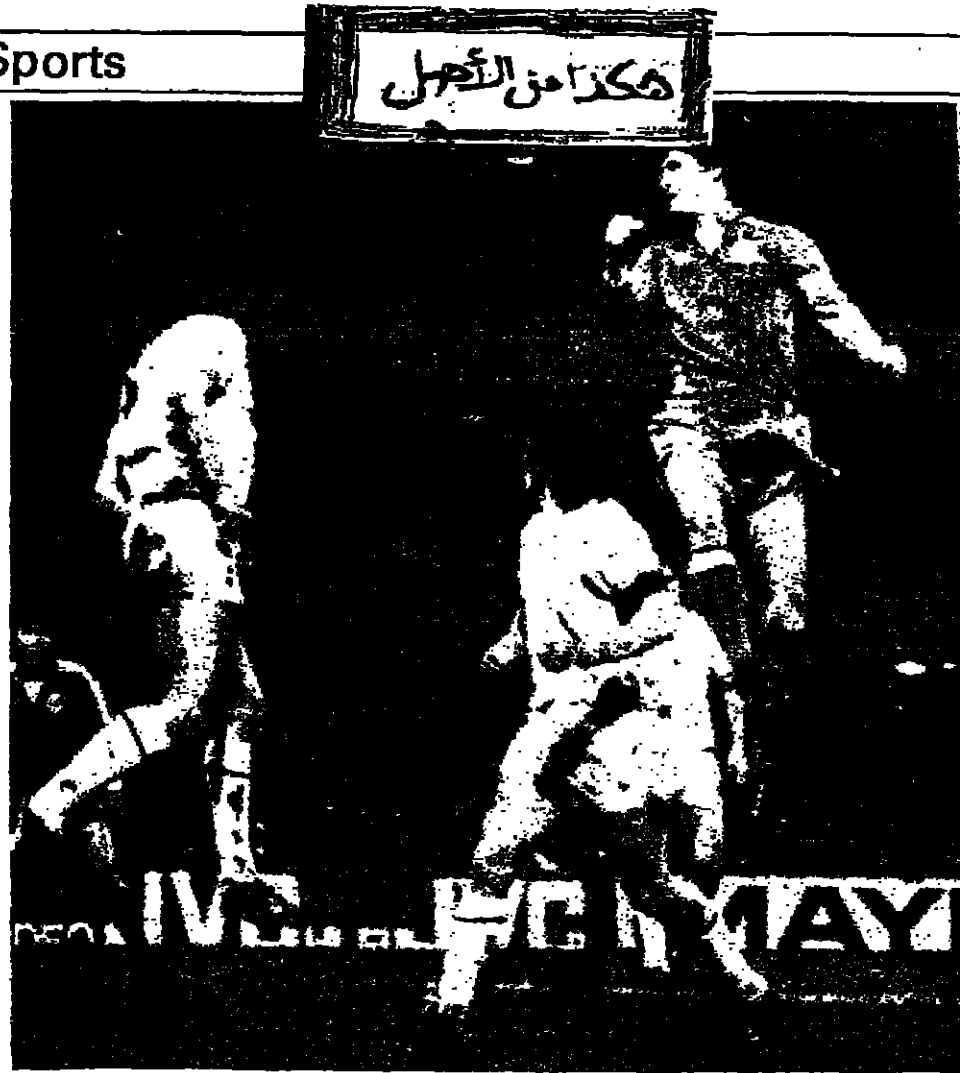
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That team, captained by veteran defender Hector Chumpliaz and boasting a crop of skilful attacking players, caused an upset by qualifying for the finals at the expense of Uruguay, winners of the Gold Cup tournament staged last year to mark the 50th anniversary of the World Cup.

Uribe's winning goal in the decisive match in Montevideo was the finest moment of his career. It was also embarrassing for Roque Gaston Maspoli, the Uruguayan trainer, who several years earlier had failed to recognize Uribe's potential.

Maspoli was then manager of Sporting Cristal of Lima and consigned the 17-year-old Uribe to the youth team. The aspiring star was forced to bide his time before breaking through to the first team and international recognition.

"The World Cup will put me in the showcase of football," he said. "It's the golden opportunity of my life." Peru have been drawn in Group One with Italy, Poland and Cameroon.



HEADER: Eintracht Frankfurt's Bruno Pezzey rises above the Tottenham defenders to head the ball during an attack in the Cup Winner's Cup clash Wednesday night. Tottenham won the home tie 2-0.

Buccaneer sets record in yacht race

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 5 (AP) — The Australian yacht *Buccaneer* set a new world's record when it was the first to cross the finish line in the Xerox Sydney-Rio Race Thursday — breaking the record by 30 hours, regatta organizers said.

But the boat may lose the race to New Zealand's *Ta'aroa*, which has a four-day handicap under international yachting rules and it was only two days from Rio Thursday morning. The crew of the *Buccaneer* celebrated their record and line honors in Rio's sunny Gloria Marina anyway. The 74-foot (22.2-meter) boat had a crew of 14 members, including an English captain, an American, a Brazilian, two New Zealanders and nine Australians.

Captain Joel Mace, who now resides in Sydney, said his *Buccaneer* had cut 200 miles (320 kms) of the Sydney-Rio route, estimated by race organizers at 8,370 nautical miles.

Mace said his worst problem during the race "was when we were going along at 14 knots with our spinaker trailing in the water behind us," which happened on two occasions.

The yacht expected to finish second in the three-boat field is currently the Australian *Anaconda II*, which was 60 miles (96 kms) away from Rio Thursday morning. The *Buccaneer* is guaranteed to finish officially ahead of the 83-foot (25-meter) *Anaconda II* since the smaller boat had a two-day handicap over the larger one.

The handicaps are calculated chiefly on the basis of boat length, with smaller boats allowed more time than larger ones. Under these rules the likely winner is the third-place *Ta'aroa*, a 60-foot (18-meter) boat.

Thais prove no match for Chinese

BANGKOK, March 5 (AFP) — China Thursday took a 3-1 lead over Thailand in the first four matches of the nine-match series of the Asian Zone final of the Thomas Cup Badminton Championships here.

The highly-favored Chinese team won two singles and a doubles matches while losing a singles encounter in the ties slated for the day.

China's No. 1 Han Jian, a stylish player, blended his drops and smashes beautifully to have the full measure of the Thailand national champion Ufom Luang Petcharapoon 15-9, 15-10 in a 60 minute enthralling duel.

China enhanced the lead when reigning champion Chen Chang Jie smashed to a 15-8, 15-6 victory. China added the first doubles of the day to its first two victories when Sun Zhi-An and Yao Xi Ming bested Thailand's Urapong Sathiradmarong and Pinit Boonoon 15-11, 15-5 in 26 minutes. But Thailand finished the day with a consolation victory when Kriangsak Trivek and Esako Nasrivaning, who lost the first game to the Chinese pair of Luan Jin and Yang Kesen 16-18, bounced back to take the next two of the match. The Thai team won at 16-18, 15-7, 15-12.

In Bay Hill Golf Classic

Two share 1-stroke lead

ORLANDO, Florida, March 5 (AP) — Scott Hoch, riding the momentum of a strong finish last week, fashioned a no-bogey, 6-under-par 65 and tied longshot Mick Soli for the first round lead Thursday in the rain-delayed \$300,000 Bay Hill Golf Classic.

"It's just a carry-over from last week," said Hoch, a runner-up last week who has played at a consistently high level all season. "I hit the ball real good and I made some putts," he said. "That's what it's all about. You have to make the putts. It doesn't matter how well you hit it, you can't score if you don't make the putts."

Soli, who tried six times before he gained his turn playing rights in 1979, birdied his last hole on the rain-soaked, 7,089-yard Bay Hill Club Course to tie for the top spot for the first time in his career.

Craig Stadler, this year's leading money-winner, and Bob Eastwood were next at 66, five strokes under par on the course that was softened by the morning rains that caused a 55-minute delay and robbed of its natural defenses by the absence of winds.

The group at 67 included Fuzzy Zoeller, Gil Morgan, Jay Haas and Scott Watkins.

Merten-Peterson to the fore

SUN CITY, Arizona, March 5 (AP) — Lauri Merten-Peterson, a collegiate amateur whose name went unrecognized by the pros with whom she was competing, shot a 5-under 67 Thursday for the first-round lead in the \$100,000 LPGA American Express-Sun City Classic.

The 21-year-old American was one under through nine holes and went to two under with a birdie on the par-four 10th. She moved to 4 under with back-to-back birdies on 16 and 17, then held a 35-foot putt to close out her round on the 6,232-yard Hillcrest Golf Course.

Hale Irwin, a two-time U.S. Open champ, Ray Floyd and former Bay Hill winner Dave Eichelberger topped a big group at 68. Jack Nicklaus had to rally from a poor start — he was two over par at the turn — to stay within striking range at 69.

Meanwhile, the first round of the \$150,000 Malaysian Open Golf Championship was canceled because of a heavy rain Thursday, making the tournament a three-day competition for the first time, officials said in Kuala Lumpur.

The heavy rain began to fall after 87 of the 157 participants had completed the round at the Royal Selangor Club course, forcing organizers to cancel the first 18 holes of the tournament, they said.

The championship will be decided over 54 holes played over the next three days. Club captain Liew Kai Choon said the Championship could not be extended to Monday because most of the golfers would leave Kuala Lumpur Monday for the Thailand Open.

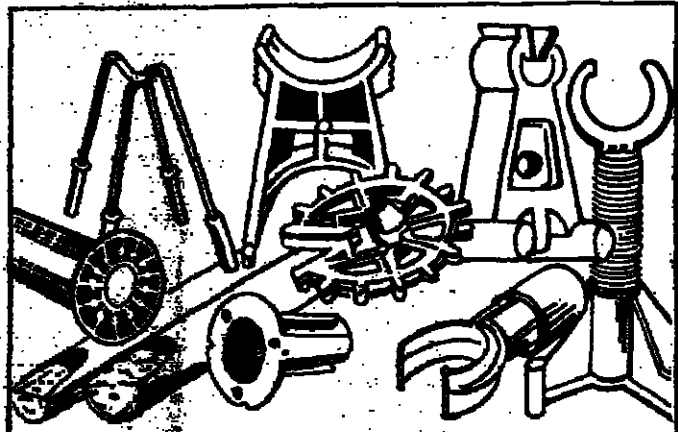
Among the golfers who managed to beat the rain and fared well were two-time winner Graham Marsh of Australia, Tse Min of Taiwan and Japan's M. Sano.

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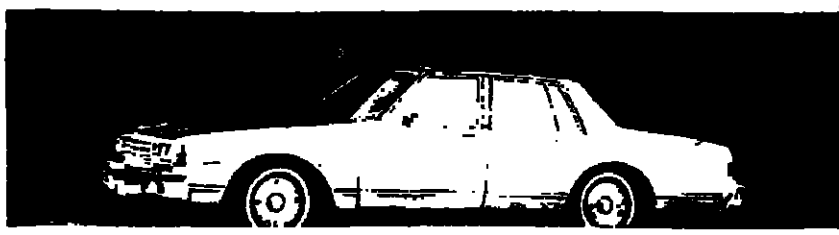
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Germany to induce return of foreigners

BONN, March 5 (R) — West Germany's state premiers decided Friday to introduce legislation offering immigrants financial incentives to go home.

Rhineland-Palatinate Premier Bernhard Vogel told reporters this plan and moves to prevent new immigrants from settling here were aimed at halting a growing wave of hostility toward West Germany's 4.65 million foreign residents. The premiers will draft legislation enabling unemployed foreigners who promise to go home and not return to withdraw in cash their West German pension payments, Vogel said.

A similar proposal was submitted to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Friday by the federal government's special adviser on immigrant affairs, Liselotte Funke. The state premiers also suggested new restrictions on dependants joining immigrants who already work here. Turks form the largest single immigrant group with more than 1.5 million, and anti-foreigner prejudice here is largely directed at them.

Schmidt has expressed alarm at the growth of hostility toward immigrants as West Germany's unemployment total soared to about two million last year.

Mrs. Funke proposed paying 4,000 marks (\$1,700) to immigrants who left the country within three months of becoming unemployed on condition they took their families with them. She suggested additional payments of 3,000 marks (\$1,280) for the spouse and 1,500 marks (\$640) for each dependant child.

The payments, Mrs. Funke added, would be cut by 20 percent monthly after the third month so that jobless immigrants leaving after more than eight months would get nothing. Vogel said the premiers also wanted a drastic reduction in the number of refugees allowed to settle in West Germany and would virtually halt the flow of Vietnamese "boat people."

Baden-Wuerttemberg Premier Lothar Spaeth said his state wanted legislation allowing departing immigrants to receive unemployment benefit in one lump sum. West Germany has banned new immigrant workers since 1974. Recently there have been government measures to stop a flood of would-be immigrants seeking political asylum here.

Mrs. Funke also recommended offering to transfer pension entitlements to the social security system of the immigrant's home country.

By well-aimed Soviet blasts American command said vulnerable

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — The Soviets could knock out the entire U.S. military command system with two or three well-aimed nuclear blasts disrupting communications, a senior defense official said. At the same time, this official said, Thursday the U.S. satellite-based system for warning the United States against nuclear attack is vulnerable to sabotage because a relatively small number of "guys with wirecutters" could disable cables leading from satellite ground stations to command posts.

The official gave these graphic statements on the vulnerability of the U.S. command and control system to a group of reporters in a session apparently designed to generate support for the Reagan administration's costly plan to correct such weaknesses.

Ground rules for the session barred use of the official's name. He estimated it would take about \$20 billion over the next five years to strengthen the U.S. command and control system and ensure that the president, the secretary of defense and top military leaders can communicate without inter-

ruption with missile bases, submerged submarines and other key forces. "We have been remiss for a long time in not paying attention to command, control and communications," the official said. The official said the Soviets are aware of U.S. vulnerability. He spoke of indications of such Soviet knowledge but did not elaborate.

As he sketched a possible scenario, the Soviets could black out U.S. communications with a few nuclear bursts through a phenomenon called electromagnetic pulse.

This phenomenon, well-known for about 20 years, is called EMP. It has been defined by the Defense Department as "a burst of electromagnetic energy radiating from a nuclear explosion, thereby creating a high-frequency electrical field similar to that created by thunderstorms."

The size of the area covered by such an electrical field, the Pentagon has said, depends on whether the nuclear explosion is within or above the atmosphere. Bursts above the atmosphere would create a strong electrical field covering an area

nearly the size of the continental United States, the Pentagon has said.

According to this official, alternate command posts such as underground complexes at Fort Ritchie, Maryland, and Mount Weather in northern Virginia, are vulnerable to destruction because of the accuracy of Soviet missile warheads.

"They can pretty well destroy our command and control pretty quickly," the official said. "So we are trying to develop damage-resistance in our mechanisms and command centers, trying to make them survivable," the official said.

The United States has built airborne command posts for the president and other senior officials and for commanders of the nation's nuclear striking forces — flying command centers to which these officials would retreat in the event of a threatened nuclear attack. However, the official indicated that the present state of communications equipment raises the strong possibility that these leaders might not be able to pass their orders to the nation's retaliatory forces because of disruption by Soviet nuclear blasts in or above the atmosphere.

68 die, 100 hurt in Uganda raid

KAMPALA, March 5 (AFP) — Sixty-eight persons were killed and more than 100 others wounded Wednesday when at least 1,000 cattle rustlers from Uganda's Karamoja province raided the Soroti east constituency in Usuk county in the country's east, according to unconfirmed reports here Friday.

Half the raiders reportedly bore firearms, and the rest were said to be armed with spears. The raid was one of the worst reported in recent years and involving the Karamojong. Each year, the Karamojong take their herds from their semi-arid province in northeastern Uganda to greener pastures in the south during the dry season, which lasts from December to March.

They raid cattle as they go, raising the tribal frictions with their neighbors. The cattle raids are centuries old, but were intensified in 1979 after the Karamojong tribesmen looted an army in the Uganda-Tanzania war. They later used the guns in the cattle raids.

A Karamojong leader, who was a top cattle rustler, was killed and a number of Karamojong persons were wounded last month by the Teso militia. This intensified the tribal friction. In attempts to cool off the tension, the militiamen were disciplined and the entire militia in Teso was placed under the integrated Uganda Army command so as to pacify the Karamojong.

Last week, Ugandan President Milton Obote, Vice President and Defense Minister Paulo Mwangi, and army chief of staff, Brig. David Oyite Ojok, summoned leaders of the two tribes to Kampala for a mediation meeting.

World's largest U.S. launches Intelsat

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 5 (AP) — Intelsat V-D, the world's largest communications satellite, was successfully launched Thursday evening atop an Atlas Centaur rocket.

The two-ton "bird" lifted off 53 minutes late because of a problem in the ground support system, said Ann Skinner, spokeswoman for the U.S. national Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The satellite was out into elliptical orbit following its launch and "will be put into its permanent orbit Sunday," said Miss Skinner.

Owned by 106 nations, the worldwide Intelsat system handles two-thirds of all overseas telecommunications. The new spacecraft will serve Europe, the Middle East and the Far East from a geosynchronous orbit position 22,300 miles over the Indian Ocean.

It will enter service May 1, said Intelsat spokesman Allan McCaskill. The consortium

Soviet probe lands on Venus

MOSCOW, March 5 (AP) — The Soviet Union landed another space probe on Venus Friday, the second Soviet module to make a soft landing on the planet within a week, Tass reported.

The Soviet news agency said the unmanned Venus-14 spacecraft reached the vicinity of the planet early Friday morning after a four-month flight covering 300 million kms.

The descent vehicle loaded with cameras and other equipment landed 1,000 kms from the spot where a space module carried by Venus-13 soft-landed Monday, Tass said. The module released by Venus-13 transmitted scientific data and the first color pictures from the planet to Soviet scientists for more than two hours.

The latest landing on the planet nearest to earth is the 12th by a Soviet probe in a series dating back to 1967.

House of Lords debates UFOs

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — Whatever the truth about unidentified flying objects (UFOs), Britons are seeing more of them, the House of Lords learned Thursday in a close encounter between a government peer and an aristocratic UFO buff.

The Earl of Clancarty, 70, founder of a worldwide UFO movement, Contact International, said he had logged more than 2,000 press reports last year of British sightings. Lord Clancarty is also a top member of the Ancient Astronaut Society, which theorizes that creatures from other planets visited the Earth in spacecraft in ancient times, and is evidently suspicious of a cover-up by the Conservative government. He wanted to know what the military was doing about the UFO sightings.

Viscount Long, replying for the government, said there had been a total of 600 UFO reports up from only 15 in 1978, and the

will pay NASA \$40 million for launch of the satellite, which it bought for \$35 million from Ford Aerospace Corp.

While NASA has thus far been the exclusive launch agency for Intelsat, McCaskill said the group will launch a satellite later this year through the European Space Agency and has plans for at least four more launches through ESA.

Intelsat will launch at least six more satellites through NASA, through 1984. All three of the earlier Intelsat V's are in position over the Atlantic Ocean.

Each of the satellites accommodates 12,000 two-way voice channels and two color television channels. The eventual 15-satellite Intelsat V network will have satellites over the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans, providing telephone, high-speed data and television signals to more than 280 earth stations owned and operated by Intelsat member countries.

Venus-14 landed east of the Phobos region and immediately began analyzing samples of the planet's surface.

The Venus-14 module took panoramic pictures of the planet's surface in temperatures of 465 degrees Centigrade (870 Fahrenheit) and analyzed rock samples. Tass said, without saying how long the module functioned.

Both modules carried out experiments to determine the composition of the atmosphere and the fast-moving yellow clouds which surround the planet.

They also tested the electrical conductivity of rocks, drilled through the surface to test lower strata of soil and tested for signs of earthquakes and volcanoes. Tass said the two mother ships, Venus-13 and Venus-14, were continuing experiments in orbit around the sun.

Defense Ministry checked them all out — but only to make sure they weren't enemy aircraft.

"All UFO reports are passed to operations staff to examine them purely for their possible defense implications...for example, a Soviet aircraft which might approach our defense system," said Viscount Long. Several other peers joined in. What happened to the reports, asked Lord Hill-Norton, a former head of the Royal Navy.

Since 1967 the Defense Ministry has filed them all away, but before that they were thrown away after five years as being of "no interest," said Viscount Long. "Who was it who decided they were of no interest?" persisted Lord Hill-Norton.

Addressing himself to Clancarty, Viscount Long said: "If the noble lord is suspicious the Ministry of Defense is covering up in any way, I can assure you there is no reason why they should."

Senate panel OKs defense ceiling of \$263 billion

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 13-3 Thursday to recommend a United States defense budget ceiling of \$263 billion — exactly the total sought by President Ronald Reagan — for the coming fiscal year.

The recommendation will be sent to the Senate Budget Committee as part of the process by which Congress adopts the outlines of a budget before approving the authorization and appropriation bills that actually provide the money.

The \$263 billion includes multi-year budget authority for the Defense Department, nuclear weapons programs of the Department of Energy and other defense-related functions performed by other agencies.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Thursday the Soviet Union's development of a new intercontinental bomber and laser weapons based in space proved that a sharp increase in U.S. defense spending was vital.

He also told skeptical members of the House of Representatives Budget Committee that cuts in the Pentagon budget could cost up to 350,000 American jobs. "There is a new (Soviet) intercontinental bomber now probably in the final stages of development," Weinberger said, citing U.S. intelligence sources.

He told *The Washington Post* in an interview published Thursday that the Soviet bomber was similar to the planned U.S. B-1. He argued that it posed a new threat to the United States and helped justify the administration's proposed \$1,600 billion, five-year military buildup.

"You don't need an intercontinental bomber to defend the Soviet Union," Weinberger said. He said he was also concerned about the pace at which the Kremlin was developing laser weapons for use in outer space against U.S. surveillance and early warning satellites.

Weinberger referred to press reports quoting Pentagon research director Richard Delauer who said, in secret testimony to Congress which was later made public, that Moscow might deploy laser weapons as early as next year and orbit elaborate space battle platforms by the 1990s. He said President Reagan had requested \$433 million for laser weapon research in 1983 to help catch up with the Soviet Union.

Some members of the committee, such as Delbert Latta, a Republican, urged Weinberger to release more information of this sort so that politicians could convince skeptical voters a U.S. military buildup was needed. Latta said voters were flooding Congress with letters urging military cuts.

Committee chairman James Jones and other Democrats warned Weinberger, as did senators from both parties Wednesday that some cuts would be necessary in the military spending proposal for 1983. "I can't believe that amount of funds can be unattachable," Jones said, vowing to find and eliminate wasteful items.

Following the Bangladeshi leader's speech, the committee went into a closed-door session.

Meanwhile, Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Toure earlier held consultations with President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan; PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Habib Chaty, secretary general of the OIC, in order to assess the general situation and the objectives of the committee to find positive solutions.

The committee was due to leave Saturday for Riyadh to meet with King Khalid.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

The simple fact of it is that our world is standing on its head and that's all there's to it.

Or not exactly, there's a bit more to it, which is that if you want to get the correct view of things you must also stand on your head. That way, it will look the right side up.

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Or there's that great political theorist of the Western world, Dr. Henry ("Gobbledegook") Kissinger, who came out with this gem: "The Russians are more advanced than us in many fields because they don't have to spend money as we do fighting communism." How true!

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awlat

IRA 'activist' escapes at Paris airport

PARIS, March 5 (AP) — Edward Howell, a suspected Irish Republican Army activist deported from Canada after his arrest at the U.S. border, escaped from French and Canadian authorities at Paris' Orly airport, police said Friday.

Howell, 34, of Belfast, flew to Paris from Montreal escorted by a Canadian immigration officer on Thursday. He was scheduled to take a later flight from Paris to Dublin, where Irish authorities were expected to question him. The Canadian Embassy said the French had been requested to find and arrest Howell. The French Interior Ministry refused comment on the case.

Howell and the Canadian immigration officer were met by a French police officer when they landed, but Howell escaped by bolting from a lunch counter and getting lost in the crowd, a Canadian Embassy official said. The official said Howell was in custody, "but not under arrest in the formal sense" at the time of his escape. "It was an expulsion, not an extradition," he said.

Howell was arrested by U.S. immigration officials Feb. 6 in Buffalo, New York, when he and four other Irishmen — three of whom now live in Canada — allegedly crossed the border with what police said were forged Irish Republic passports. They were carrying about \$10,000 in British and Irish currency, immigration police said. A "shopping list" for 200,000 rounds of ammunition and electronic bomb-making equipment was also found in one of the group's two autos, authorities said.

U.S. investigators said the arrests, along with the recent detention of six other suspected IRA activists, broke an "international munitions conduit" supplying weapons to the IRA. The IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Howell was later freed on \$10,000 bail deported to Canada. Canadian authorities on March 1 ordered him deported back to Ireland and barred him for life from Canada.

An official of the Irish Embassy in Paris said Howell was "not wanted for anything" in Ireland. He refused to speculate about the motive for escape.

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